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CRIPPS-WAVELL SEARCH FOR A FORMULA

Responsibility For Defence

Cripps-Wavell Search For Formula To Meet Indian National Demand

(From Our Correspondent)
NEW DELHI, March 27.

There is likelihood that the text of the British War Cabinet's proposals may be released to the press to-morrow, as some leaders are reported to have advised Sir Stafford Cripps that delay in publication was not helpful. Col. Gidney, leader of the Anglo-Indian community, who met Sir Stafford yesterday is understood to have objected to the policy of vivisecting India.

Leaders of the Sikh community have also been holding informal consultations and have agreed that they should strongly oppose any plan for dividing India and breaking Indian unity.

As regards transfer of defence during war period, it is known that Sir Stafford Cripps is quite willing to have an Indian Defence Member in the Council. But, as the Commander-in-Chief will be the supreme authority in defence matters, the position of Indian Defence Member will be more or less subordinate. This cannot be acceptable either to the Congress or the Muslim League, but Sir Stafford is said to be in consultation with Gen. Wavell for evolving a suitable formula if possible.

At the moment the parties are awaiting the outcome of the Muslim League meeting which is now in session.

Right To Secede

Further details available show that no definition of 'majority vote, has yet been decided, for instance what percentage of majority vote is required for a province to say that it wishes to keep out of Indian Union or form a separate union with other provinces.

It is stated that those provinces which wish to form a separate union will convene a separate Constituent Assembly and in framing the constitution satisfy the minorities in their areas. Once a province enters a union it cannot secede, but any province will be free to join the Union at any time.

It is provided that if there is difference of opinion between representatives of a province in the Constituent Assembly and the Ministry of that particular province on the question whether the province should enter the Union or keep out or either to remain single or form another Union with certain other provinces, the Ministry's view should prevail.

The basis of the future Union Government is said to be based on the Balfour declaration which admits the right to secede from the Empire or remain neutral in war.

HYDERABAD'S BID FOR INDEPENDENCE

Chhatari Delegation To Place Claims Before Cripps

(From Our Correspondent)
HYDERABAD, March 27.

I understand on good authority that the Nizam's Government is anxious to get its problems settled once for all in view of the constitutional discussions now going on in Delhi.

A delegation consisting of the Nawab of Chhatari, President of the Nizam's Executive Council, with two other Ministers assisted by two Secretaries, is already in Delhi to plead Hyderabad's case before the Lord Privy Seal.

It is learnt that Hyderabad wishes to stick to its treaties and engagements and to be an independent entity in polity of India with the proviso that it will be consulted on matters of All-India importance. Among other subjects the Premier of the State would claim restorations of several territories ceded to the British Government including Berar and Masulipatan. In any new future constitution, Hyderabad would like to be free without any interference in its internal affairs, including the form of Government which might be set up in the State.

I am informed that the terms laid down by the Hyderabad State at the time when the Instrument of Accession was being modified for its entry into the All-India Federation would be pressed.

NO DEADLOCK FEARED IN DELHI TALKS

Lack Of Enthusiam For Cripps' Plan

Congress Leaders For Delhi: Reaction To British Cabinet Proposals

(From "A. P." And "U. P.")
ALLAHABAD, March 27.

It is understood that Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, Congress President, is very likely to have another interview with Sir Stafford Cripps tomorrow.

It is gathered that the Congress Working Committee will sit for several days and there is a likelihood of more meetings between the Congress President and Sir Stafford Cripps.

While a break-down in the talks does not appear likely at this stage, there is apparent lack of enthusiasm among Congress leaders here over the proposals of the British Cabinet.

LEADERS LEAVE FOR DELHI

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, Mr. Bhulabhai Desai, Acharya J. B. Kripalani and Pandit Govind Ballabh Pant left for Delhi this evening by the Delhi Express in connection with the meeting of the Congress Working Committee there on Sunday.

Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru is also travelling in the same train bound for Delhi for his interview with Sir Stafford Cripps.

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru has a slight attack of fever, but he proposes to proceed to Delhi to-morrow evening by the Delhi Express to attend the meeting of the Congress Working Committee.

Pandit Govind Ballabh Pant, former Premier of the United Provinces, has received a telegram as follows:—

"Sir Stafford Cripps would be most grateful if you could come to Delhi to see him as soon as possible and not later than March 30th."

Pandit Pant has sent the following reply to the above telegram:

"Thanks for your telegram. The Working Committee has appointed the Congress President for talks with you. I shall be available and glad to see you on March 29th if required. Please refer Birla House, New Delhi."

Europeans See Cripps

Dr. Rajendra Prasad, Member, Working Committee of the Congress, has arrived here this evening.

Four representatives of the European community headed by Sir Henry Richardson, who had come just a minute before Mahatma Gandhi came out, were then led in for their interview with Sir Stafford Cripps.

The Maharajakumar of Vizianagaram, President of the Andhra Mahasabha, has arrived in Delhi to interview Sir Stafford Cripps.

Sikhs To Decide Attitude

The meeting of the Working Committee of the Sikh All Parties Conference has been called for to-morrow, when their representatives, who had an interview with Sir Stafford Cripps to-day, will place the British War Cabinet's decisions before it and discuss the line of action that Sikhs should adopt.

Dr. Khan Sahib's Reply

PESHAWAR, March 27.

In reply to His Excellency the Viceroy's invitation to meet Sir Stafford Cripps, Dr. Khan Sahib, ex-Premier of the North-West Frontier Province, has thanked Sir Stafford through the Viceroy and regretted his inability to interview him.

It may be recalled that the in-

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KARAKA FOR CHUNGKING

First Indian Journalist To Proceed To China's Capital

The first Indian journalist to visit Chungking will be Mr. D. F. Karaka, representative of the "Bombay Chronicle", who will shortly be leaving for China's wartime capital. His trip is sponsored by Sir Alwyn Ezra, who wishes to strengthen Indo-China goodwill. Chungking to-day is one of the most headlined cities in the world press and an incessant flow of foreign correspondents has streamed into this battered but indomitable war-time capital of China.

The Government of India are giving Mr. Karaka every facility to enable him to proceed to China immediately and the trip is undertaken with the approval of the Chinese Government.

Mr. Karaka will find many distinguished foreign correspondents in Chungking including Edgar Mowrer and Leyland Stowe of the "Chicago Daily News", Vincent Shean, noted American writer, Harrison Norman of the American N.B.C., William Dunn of the Columbia Broadcasting System and James L. Stewart of the American magazine "Time." Commonwealth press representatives now in Chungking include Gunther Stein of the "Manchester Guardian" and D. Woodward of the "News Chronicle."

Sir Stafford Cripps, snapped with the Congress President, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, and Mr. Asaf Ali.

WASHINGTON WATCHES MADAGASCAR

WASHINGTON, March 27.

The Japanese advance to the Indian Ocean across lines of communication of the United Nations is focussing general attention upon Madagascar.

As seen from here the problem for the United Nations is to prevent a junction of the German and Japanese forces—a junction which would practically cut off China and Russia from war supplies from the United States, the arsenal of the democracies.

Madagascar is important both as a strategic point and as a possible harbour for big units. Diego Suarez the northern most point of the Island is well protected from bad weather and from the military point of view offers harbour facilities not found anywhere else in the Indian Ocean.

It is not forgotten either that France possesses another important island in the neighbourhood of Madagascar—Reunion Island. So far Vichy has made it known in Washington that she will defend Madagascar against any aggressor.

Vichy also implied that United States help would be called for if the island were threatened.—Reuter.

Kuomintang Leader Under Jap Custody

BOMBAY, March 27.

According to the Chungking radio; it is learned in Chungking to-day that Mr. Ming Kaishen, a member of the Cenral Executive Committee of the Kuomintang, was kidnapped in Shanghai on March 19 by the Japanese and is now detained in the Japanese headquarters in Hangchow, according to the reports from that City. Many other Chinese were also taken into custody at the same time.—A. P.

NEW BLACK-OUT RULE

No Funeral Pyre Burning After 8 p.m.

The Commissioner of Police, Bombay, has forbidden the cremation of bodies between 5 p.m. and 6 a.m. or the keeping of any funeral pyre burning after 8 p.m. There will, however, be no objection to the conveyance of bodies to the burning ghats before 6 a.m.

Reconnaissance from the sea has shown that fires lighted for the burning of bodies during the hours of darkness are visible at a great distance from the shore and also from the air. Such fires would be of assistance to the enemy and, in the interests of public safety, the restrictions have been imposed.

It is expected that those concerned will co-operate in carrying out a measure imposed by public necessity. No serious inconvenience will be caused to the public, since the conveyance of bodies to the burning ghats—without the carrying of any lights—has been allowed during hours of darkness.

FOR HOLDERS OF BURMA P. O. CASH CERTIFICATES

NEW DELHI, March 27.

A press note states: The arrangement made with the Government of Burma to enable holders of Post Office cash certificates issued in Burma after its separation, to cash them at all Post Offices in India doing savings bank work will come into operation on April 10, 1942, and not on April 1, as previously announced.—A.P.

No Politics In Gandhi-Cripps Interview

Mahatma Will Meet Envoy Again: Stay In Delhi Prolonged

(From Our Correspondent)
NEW DELHI, March 27.

Soon after Mahatma Gandhi's arrival at Birla House Mr. Asaf Ali acquainted him with the text of the proposals of the British Cabinet and the purport of the talks which the Congress President had with Sir Stafford Cripps.

Gandhiji met Sir Stafford at 2-15 p.m. but it is expected that as he proposes to stay here for three or four days, there will be another interview before Gandhiji leaves for Wardha.

Mahatma Gandhi entered Sir Stafford Cripps' residence at 2-15 p.m.

The Mahatma came all by himself and Sir Stafford Cripps came down the steps to open the door of the car for him and greeted him with "How are you"? Mahatma Gandhi replied, "I am very glad, indeed, to see you."

As he was entering he saw a large expectant crowd of pressmen and cameramen and remarked: "I see you have a nice staff—a big staff." Sir Stafford observed, "These are all cameramen."

Mahatma Gandhi came out at 4/25 p.m.

Gandhiji looked happy. As he and Sir Stafford were coming out he saw the crowds of pressmen and remarked: "Look at the sharks", and after a pause added: "I see, you like them."

Sir Stafford retorted: "You like them more."

Questioned by a pressman, Mahatma Gandhi replied: "I have taken my vow of silence."

A correspondent asked: "Did you talk anti-war."

The Mahatma repeated his reply that he had taken a vow of silence.

The same correspondent asked: "Silence so soon? Is the scheme so good?"

Sir Stafford, addressing the correspondent, said: "You bad boy"

When Mahatma Gandhi said to pressmen that he had gone into silence, he was not attempting to put off questions. It is learnt that his habit recently has been to observe a modified form of silence when he has to give concentrated undivided thought to question of supreme moment. This silence, which is apart from his usual weekly day of silence, is not observed with the same degree of rigidity. He breaks it whenever he has important communications to make.

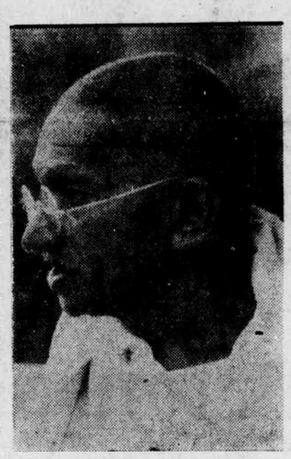
NO POLITICS?

The brightness on Mahatma Gandhi's face as he emerged from Sir Stafford Cripps' drawing room may not necessarily be traceable to his reaction to the constitutional and political part of the two-hour interview, it is thought here.

The two personalities have so wide a field of common interests that the interview, which was longer than any that Sir Stafford has hitherto had with any single leader, was terminated only by the need to make room for the visitors next on Sir Stafford's list.

It is possible that the thought uppermost in the Mahatma's mind, as he came out, concerned the variety of views exchanged on non-political rather than political topics. It is recalled, for instance, that on the announcement of Sir Stafford Cripps' mission Mahatma Gandhi commented: "Both of us are food faddists."

As he came back to Birla House, where he is staying, it was noticed that he wore a look of hushed concentration and discouraged with a gesture of impatience any attempt to ask him questions.—A. P.



MAHATMA GANDHI

JAWAHAR PLAN TO MEET JAP AGGRESSION

(From Our Correspondent)
LONDON, March 27.

Under a five-column streamer headline in its front page, the "Daily Sketch" publishes an interview Mlle Curie had with Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru under the Caption Nehru has a plan to resist the Japanese."

She says, "I believe whatever his present bitterness against England, he must one day find himself collaborating with Britain to save India from enemies of Free India. Pt. Nehru is one of the active Leaders in the allied camp who would bring inspiration and hope to millions of men."

Pt. Nehru seemed to be deeply concerned about plans for protecting India. He advocates, firstly, making each region self-sufficient in clothing and food in case of breakdown of communications secondly, organising regional and local protection against disorder due to enemy action or panic and thirdly keeping fear and hunger away from villages.

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Jinnah To See Cripps Again

League Executive's All-Day Discussion Of Cabinet Proposals

NEW DELHI, March 27.

Following discussions at this evening's session of the Muslim League Working Committee it was decided that Mr. Jinnah should see Sir Stafford Cripps again. Accordingly a second interview between Sir Stafford and Mr. Jinnah has been fixed for 2 p.m. tomorrow.

The Working Committee will meet again at 5-30 to-morrow evening.

LEAGUE EXECUTIVE DISCUSSES PLAN

The Working Committee of the All-India Muslim League met this morning at the residence of Nawabzada Liaquat Ali Khan General Secretary of the League.

After a condolence resolution on the death of the Nawab of Mamdot was passed, Mr. M. A. Jinnah President of the League, acquainted the members with the proposals of the British Government conveyed through Sir Stafford Cripps. General discussion on the subject continued the whole-day.

Among others the following attended the meeting: Sir Sikandar Hyat Khan, Premier of the Punjab, Sir Nazimuddin, Nawab Mahomed Ismail Khan, Choudhury Khaliquzzaman and Begum Mahomed Ali.

No Sikander-Cripps Meeting

The interview fixed for 5-30 this evening between Sir Stafford Cripps and Sir Sikandar Hayat Khan did not take place. It has been postponed.

Sir Sikandar Hayat Khan told press representatives that he could not meet Sir Stafford Cripps to-day because he had to attend the evening session of the Muslim League Working Committee beginning at 5 o'clock at which important discussions were taking place.

Momins Repudiate Jinnah

ALLAHABAD, March 27.

The Working Committee and the Council of the All-India Momin Conference, it is announced, will meet at Cawnpore on April 3 and subsequent days to consider the present political situation *vis-a-vis* the Momins and the visit of Sir Stafford Cripps to India.

Mr. Abu Syeed, Secretary of the All-District Jamait-ul-Ansar, has sent the following telegram to His Excellency the Viceroy: "Momins, 45 million Muslims, repudiate Mr. Jinnah and other political bodies. Anxious to represent their case before Sir Stafford Cripps kindly arrange our president, Zahiruddin, interview Sir Stafford.

Baluchistan's Claim

QUETTA, March 27.

The following telegram has been sent to Sir Stfford Cripps by Khan Abdus Samad Khan, General Secretary of the Baluchistan Anjuman-I-Watan:—

"While engaged on your laudable efforts to resolve the Indian political dead-lock by making India master of her own destiny and thus enabling its people to play the fullest part in the defence of their country and of human principles of democracy and freedom as a strong and independent ally of the democratic world, I urge you to bear in mind the unquestionable right of the people of this important frontier province of Baluchistan to rule themselves immediately thereafter through elected representatives on exactly the same terms as may be agreed for the remaining provinces of the country. This righ thas so far been wrongly denied to my province. Conferment of this inherent right is more urgently called for now that at any time in the history of this province without which the defence of this important frontier will be incomplete, if not impossible."

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IN THE PRESENT EMERGENCY, in order to ensure maximum loads in wagons, the existing freight rates, where these are less than the ordinary classified rates, for grain, pulses, common seeds and certain other commodities will be subject to certain minimum weight conditions, with effect from 1st May, 1942. Traffic in weights less than the minimum weight conditions prescribed will continue to be carried but the existing lower freight rates will not be applied to such consignments except in the case of grain and pulses which, when consigned in small lots or in consignments which do not fulfil the minimum weights prescribed, will no longer be exempt from the "increased charge" of two annas per rupee on the total freight on each consignment.

Further information can be obtained at stations or from the Chief Traffic Manager, Church Gate Street, Bombay.

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GREAT INDIAN PENINSULA RAILWAY

The Executive Engineer G. I. P. Railway, A. R. P. Works, Bombay invites tenders up to 12 hours on 4-4-42 (Date) for carrying out A.R.P. Works at General Stores, Lower Parel.

The Form of Tender, Schedule and Conditions of Contract can be obtained from his office on payment of Rs. 2 per set. Plans for the work will be supplied on an additional payment of Rs. 3 being made. These sums will not be refunded.

7845

BUILDING TENDERS REQUIRED

TENDERS ARE REQUIRED for constructing in Tilak Road, Dadar, a brick in cement mortar building with concrete roof, measuring 22'-5" x 17' x 11" x 11'-6" high complete with 6 closets, 7 urinals and 2 nahnis. For Specification, perusal of drawing and tender form please apply to the Planning Engineer, The B. E. S. & T. Co., Ltd., Electric House, Fort, Bombay.

Tenders are due on April 9th, 1942.

7854

Public Notices

WANTED

CLERKS and TYPISTS on Rs. 50/- per mensem for duty at (1) Ahmedabad, (2) Indore, (3) Sholapur and (4) Bombay. Age limit 25 years. Certain number of posts are reserved for Muslims and other minority communities.

CLERKS should be Graduates or Matriculates with previous office experience.

TYPISTS— Matriculates with speed not less than 40 words per minute.

STENO-TYPISTS—Pay Rs. 50/- plus an allowance of Rs. 15/-. Typing speed 40 words per minute with fair knowledge of Shorthand.

Applications in own handwriting, stating age, nationality, Province of origin, educational qualifications, should be sent IMMEDIATELY to any of the four officers noted below in whose area the candidate will prefer to serve. No postage stamps for replies need accompany—:

(1) The Inspecting Officer (Textiles), Indian Stores Department, "Moti Villa", Behind Old Post Office, Mirzapur, AHMEDABAD.
(2) The Assistant Inspecting Officer (Textiles), Indian Stores Department 9, Yeshwant Nivas, Road, Indore.
(3) The Assistant Inspecting Officer (Textiles), Indian Stores Department, 162/10 Railway Lines, SHOLAPUR.
(4) The Controller of Inspection, Indian Stores Department, Ahmedabad House, Wittet Road, Ballard Estate, BOMBAY.

7617

NOTICE TO HINDU PUBLIC.

BY REASON of a Communication, dated 25th March, 1942, received from the Commissioner of Police for the City of Bombay the Hindu Public is hereby informed that the cremating of the dead bodies at the Hindu Cremation Grounds at 173, Queen's Road and at Walkeshwar, Malabar Hill, during the hours of darkness is prohibited, No person shall therefore cremate or be allowed to cremate any dead body between the hours of 5 P.M. and 6 A.M. or to keep any funeral pyre burning after 8 P.M. All funeral pyres shall be extinguished at or before 8 P.M.

NOTE: There will be no objection to the conveyance of dead bodies to the burning Ghats before 6 A.M. provided no lights are carried.

Dated this 28th March, 1942.

(Sd.) M. B. BHATVDEKAR,
(Sd.) THAKORDAS NANABHAI MERCHANT,
Hon. Jt. Secretaries,
The Hindu Burning & Burial Grounds at Queen's Road and Walkeshwar Hill.

DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY

BOMBAY INSPECTION CIRCLE, Ballard Estate, Bombay.

WANTED

(C) EXAMINERS OF STORES (Steel Structural).
(D) EXAMINERS OF STORES (Mechanical)

Candidates should have had a general education and sound knowledge of fundamentals of Engineering. They should have served apprenticeship or received practical training for 3 years in an Engineering Workshop of repute engaged in general Engineering and should either (a) have had further practical Mechanical/Steel Structural experience for not less than 2 years or (b) have a Mechanical/Steel Structural degree or equivalent diploma.

Pay Rs. 150—200 according to qualifications.

(E) EXAMINER OF STORES (Castings).

Candidates must have served a full course of apprenticeship in moulding, pattern making and general casting of iron and steel with a well-known firm followed by subsequent experience for not less than two years in moulding and foundry work in a well-known foundry.

Pay Rs. 150—200 according to qualifications.

(F) SUPERVISERS OF STORES (Mechanical).
(G) SUPERVISERS OF STORES (Steel Structural).

Candidates must have had a good general education and must have served an apprenticeship or received practical training of not less than one year in an Engineering Workshop and in addition should either (a) have had further practical Mechanical/Structural engineering experience of one year or (b) have a degree or recognised diploma in Mechanical Engineering.

Pay Rs. 90—120 according to qualifications.

Application forms obtainable on payment of Re. 1/- in cash or by Money Order only. Name and full address of the applicant should be written in Block Capitals. No postage stamps will be accepted. If possible, applicants to apply personally in the afternoon on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

CONTROLLER OF INSPECTION
(7859)

THE BOMBAY LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED BOMBAY.

THE COMPANY'S Policyholders and its Constituents are hereby informed that Mr. MOTILAL B. MAZUMDAR, Manager, has retired from the Company's services from 15th March, 1942.

for the Bombay Life Assce. Co., Ltd.
JYOTENDRA L. MEHTA,
Managing Director.
7844

DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY.

Office of the Controller of Supplies, Purchase Branch. Shahibag House, Ballard Estate, Bombay.

TENDER NOTICE.

THE CONTROLLER of Supplies, Purchase Branch, Bombay invites tenders for the immediate supply of:—

(1) Cameras for silent pictures complete with fitters, lenses, Magasikes, Tripod and accessories. (New or Second Hand Debrie, Bell and Howell or Mitchell) 2 Sets.
(2) Hand cameras complete as above (new or second hand in good working condition, 400 ft. Eyemo). 2 Sets.

Tender No. SY/3529/8F/465.

Quotations should be handed over personally to the Assistant Controller of Purchase, Shahibag House, Ballard Estate, Bombay before 12 noon on 30-3-42.
(7856)

THE MORARJEE GOCULDAS SPINNING AND WEAVING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE OF DIVIDEND.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that an AD-INTERIM DIVIDEND for the half year ended 31st December, 1941, at the rate of Rs. 10/- (Rupees Ten) per Share, free of income-tax, will be paid on and after the 20th April, 1942, at the Bank of India, Ltd., Esplanade Road, Fort, Bombay, between 11-0 A. M. and 3-0 P. M. (S.T.) on week days for four working days from 20th to 23rd April, 1942 (both days inclusive) to those Shareholders, whose names stand on the Register in the evening of 3rd April, 1942.

During this period, no payment will be made at the Registered Office of the Company except to such shareholders, who desire remittance through post.

On and after 24th April, 1942, payment will be made at the Registered Office of the Company, between 12-0 Noon and 4-0 P. M. (S. T.) on week days and between 12-0 Noon and 2-0 P. M. (S. T.) on Saturdays.

Dividend Warrants will be posted in due course to the registered addresses of the shareholders. Change of address, if any, should be notified without delay, on receipt of this notice.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
GANESH NARAYAN PIRAMAL,
Agents.
Soparibaug Road, Parel,
Bombay, 19th March, 1942.
(7849)

Legal Notices

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.

ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION
Suit No. 2044 of 1940

THE EAST AND WEST INSURANCE CO., LTD. ..... Plaintiffs.
(Vs.)
DAMJI GHELLA ..... Defendant.

PURSUANT TO DECREE Absolute for Sale, dated 15th day of July, 1941, the following immovable property will be sold by Public Auction by the Commissioner of this Honourable Court at his Office in the Court House on THURSDAY, 9th April, 1942, at 4-30 p.m. (S.T.)

PARTICULARS

ALL that piece of Foras land settled under Act VI of 1851 with dwelling house thereon, situate on the Ferguson Road now known as Sun Mill Road in Bombay, admeasuring 1011 Square Yards or thereabouts bearing Collector's Old Nos. 138, 359, 195, 406, 452, 465, New Nos. F/12068, 2/12436, A/12142, New Survey Nos. 1Aa/2830, 1Aa/2831 and 2/2833, Cadastral Survey No. 214 Lower Parel Division and Municipal G Ward Nos. 2060(2) and 2060(3) Old Street Nos. 1056A, 1056AA and New Street Nos. 76, 76A, 78, 78A and 98B.

For further particulars and conditions of sale, application should be made at the Office of the said Commissioner or at the Office of Messrs. MINOCHEHER MANCHERSHAH HIRALAL & CO., Attorneys for the Plaintiffs abovenamed at Nos. 41/45 Medows Street, Fort, Bombay.

Dated this 18th day of February, 1942.

(Sd.) ARMAND F. SEQUEIRA.,
Commissioner.
7738.

Public Notices

THE UNIVERSITY OF BOMBAY NOTIFICATION OF

No. 6309 of 1942

ACCORDING to the recent Government Notification regarding Public Holidays during the year 1942, the 26th March, (Ramnavmi), 4th April (Easter Saturday) and 6th April (Easter Monday) are no longer public holidays. It has, therefore, been decided to hold the examinations on these days. Consequently, some alterations have been made in the programmes of the B. A. and B. Sc. examinations. Details about the alterations will be found in a separate notification of the University exhibited at each centre of the examination.

Bombay, 12th March, 1942.
S. R. DONGERKERY,
Registrar.
7769

Legal Notices

NOTICE OF SALE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that BAI KHATIZABAI GULAMHUSEIN RUPAWALLA, wife of Khan Saheb Mahomedbhai Sarafali Rupawalla has contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client.

THAT any person or persons having any claim, right, title and interest in or to the said property by way of sale, mortgage, charge, trust, lien, possession, gift, inheritance, lease, easement or otherwise howsoever is hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at 36, Tamarind Lane, Tamarind House, Fort, Bombay, within FOURTEEN days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without any regard to any such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY

ALL that piece of land, containing by admeasurement in area 562 (five hundred and sixty-two) square yards or thereabouts situate, lying and being at Plot No. 116 of Nowroji Hill Estate formerly of the Trustees of the Improvement of the City of Bombay and now of the Municipal Corporation for the City of Bombay in the City and Island and Sub-Registration District of Bombay together with the tenement or building (ground and three upper storeys) standing thereon and known as "Abbas Building" and bounded on or towards the South by public passage, on or towards the North by passage and beyond that Plot No. 109 being the Municipal vacant land, on or towards the East by Plot No. 117 and on or towards the West by Plot No. 115 and the said premises bear cadastral Survey No. 80/1721 of Mandvi Division and New survey No. 3184 part, and assessed by the Bombay Municipality under B Ward Nos. 4120, 4121(1), 4121(2) and 4121(3) Street Nos. 13, 14, 14A and 14B.

Bombay, dated this 27th day of March, 1942.

GHULAMALI NOORANI & CO.,
Purchaser's Attorneys.
7852

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that CHANDRALUXMI, wife of NAGINDAS BHOGILAL FADIA and VIDYAGAORI, wife of PURSHOTAMDAS BHOGILAL FADIA, both of Bombay Hindu Inhabitants have contracted to sell the undermentioned properties belonging to them respectively to our client.

ALL persons having any claim against or to the said properties by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, gift, lease, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office No. 51, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Fort, Bombay within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

THE SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTIES

FIRSTLY:—Piece of land situate between Malad and Kandivli on the Ghodbunder Road in the Registration Sub-District of Bandra, Bombay Suburban District, containing by admeasurement 1960 Square Yards bearing Old Survey No. 39 and bounded on the East by Ghodbunder Road, on or towards the West by the property of Dharamsey Purshottam, on or towards the North by the property of Mrs. Manek Chimanlal Parikh and on or towards the South by the property of Vidyagaori, wife of Purshotamdas Bhogilal described below.

SECONDLY:—Piece of land situate between Malad and Kandivli on the Ghodbunder Road in the Registration Sub-District of Bandra, Bombay Suburban District, containing by admeasurement 1675 Square Yards bearing Old Survey No. 39 and bounded, on or towards the East by the Ghodbunder Road, on or towards the West by the property of Dharamsey Purshotam, on or towards the North by the land of Chandraluxmi, wife of Nagindas Bhogilal Fadia above described and on the South by a passage.

Dated this 27th day of March, 1942.

MANILAL KHER AMBALAL & CO.,
Purchaser's Attorneys.
7853.

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Legal Notices

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Bai DHANGAVRI, wife of Hariram Manchharam Ichhaporia has contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client.

ALL persons having any claim against or to the said property by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, gift, lease, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at Alli Chambers, Corner of Medows Street and Tamarind Lane, Fort, Bombay, within fourteen days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

THE SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

ALL that piece or parcel of Pazandari land or ground with the messuage, tenements or dwelling house standing thereon known as "Jaya Sadan" situate, lying and being at Mahadev Shankerseth Lane, Sonapur Street in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay in the City of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 206 square yards or thereabouts registered in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue under New No. B/997, New Survey No. 4/8160 (part) and Cadastral Survey No. 583 of Bhuleshwar Division and assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under "C" Ward No. 3543 and Old Street Nos. 18-20, New Street No. 21-23A and bounded as follows: that is to say, on or towards the East by the property of Janardhan Trimbak Kotkar, on or towards the West and North by the said Mahadeo Shankerseth Lane and on or towards the South by the property of Bai Nanibai widow of Shantaram Pandurang Vagal.

Dated this 26th day of March, 1942.

THAKORDAS DARU HEMANY & CO.,
Purchaser's Attorneys.

7846.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION

Suit No. 1926 of 1937.

GOVIND SHAMJI KHATRI ..... Plaintiff
Versus
BAI SAVITRIBAI, widow and heir of Gangadhar Gopal Umrakar and Others ..... Defendants

PURSUANT TO DECREE ABSOLUTE for Sale, dated the 15th June, 1939, and Judge's Order, dated 21st November, 1941, the following immovable property will be sold by Public Auction by the Commissioner of this Honourable Court at his Office in the Court House on Wednesday 15th April, 1942, at 4-30 P. M. (S. T.).

PARTICULARS

All that piece of land in the City of Nasik in Hundewala Galli bearing City Survey No. 2032 and delineated in the map at Sheet No. 31, admeasuring 350 square yards or thereabouts with all the buildings outhouse, wells, walls, privies, drains, etc., thereon and also all the rights and easements appertaining thereto and bearing Municipal No. 1421.

For further particulars and conditions of Sale, application should be made at the Office of the said Commissioner or at the Office of Messrs. KOTHARE & Co., Attorneys for the plaintiff abovenamed at Medows House, Medows Street, Fort, Bombay.

Dated this 28th day of February, 1942.

(Sd.) ARMAND F. SEQUEIRA,
Commissioner.

(7851)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION

Suit No. 1051 of 1940.

NAVAJBAI D. KAPADIA and another ..... Plaintiffs.
Vs.
KHOJA LOVJI KHIMJI ..... Defendant.

PURSUANT to Decree Absolute for Sale, dated 8th April, 1941 and Judge's Order, dated 6th January, 1942, the following immovable property will be sold by Public Auction by the Commissioner of this Honcurable Court at his Office in the Court House on THURSDAY, 16th April, 1942, at 4-30 p. m. (S. T.).

PARTICULARS

ALL that piece of leasehold land at Kurla, Bombay Suburban District with the dwelling house thereon, admeasuring six hundred and sixty-three decimal fifty-four square yards or thereabouts bearing original Survey No. 221. Pot No. 5 and Entry No. 2814, Revision Survey Non-agricultural No. 240 and assessed by the Kurla Municipality under No. 156.

For further particulars and conditions of sale, application should be made at the Office of the said Commissioner or at the Office of Messrs. UNVALA & CO., Attorneys for the Plaintiffs abovenamed at Stock Exchange Building, Apollo Street, Fort, Bombay.

Dated this 2nd day of March, 1942.

(Sd.) ARMAND F. SEQUEIRA,
Commissioner.

(7834)

Auction Sales

SALE TO-MORROW AT 4-30 P.M. AT THE PREMISES OF THE PROPERTY

The sale of immovable property No. 489 at D'Monte Street, Bandra, at the risk of Mr. Joseph Manual Perreira, the Mortgagor, will take place TO-MORROW as stated above and as previously advertised.

SORABJEE COWASJEE & CO.,
123, Medows Street, Bombay.

BENNETT & CO.

BONAFIDE SALE
AUCTION SALE OF JACOBEAN & MODERN HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, CARPETS, ETC.

Messrs. BENNETT & CO., will sell by public auction Tomorrow SUNDAY the 29th March, 1942, at 10-30 a.m. (S.T.) at Block No. 7E (3rd floor) at Mafatlal Park, Warden Road, the undermentioned furniture etc. property of E Radbone, Esq.

Jacobean and Modern household furniture made by John Roberts and others, Kashmir wallnut wood carved articles heavy crystal home by Lalique Paris, Camphorwood Chinese carved chest. Carpets, Binocular etc.

On view.

BENNETT & CO.

CRAWFORD & CO.

AUCTION SALE OF VALUABLE PROPERTY SITUATE AT SANTA CRUZ.

Under instructions from the Official Assignee of Bombay and assignee of the estate and effects of the insolvent Gulamali Mahmadali Lookmanji Kagalwala and with the consent of Parmanand Maganlal, Priyakant Maganlal and Ramanlal Maganlal the heirs of the mortgagee Maganlal Narsidas, Messrs CRAWFORD & CO., auctioneers, will sell by Public Auction on WEDNESDAY, 1st April, 1942, at 3-0 p.m. (S.T.) at their rooms at 122, Apollo Street, Fort, Bombay the right, title and interest of the insolvent abovenamed and of the said heirs of the mortgagee Maganlal Narsidas in the undermentioned properties:—

LOT 1:—All that piece of non-agricultural land together with messuages, tenements and dwelling houses thereon situate at Santa Cruz bearing plot No. 9 of Town Planning Scheme No. 3, and admeasuring 451 sq. yds. and bounded on the North by plot No. 8, on the West by plot Nos. 6 and 7, on the South by plot No. 12 and on the East by plot Nos. 10 and 11.

LOT 2:—All that piece of non-agricultural land situate at Santa Cruz bearing plot No. 11 of Town Planning Scheme No. 3 and admeasuring 112 sq. yds. and bounded on the North by plot No. 8, on the West by plot No. 9, on the South by plot No. 10 and on the East by the Eighth Road.

For further particulars and conditions of sale apply to the Vendor's Attorneys Messrs. Manilal Kher Ambalal & Co. or to CRAWFORD & CO.

VORA & CO.

AUCTION SALE (TOMORROW) SUNDAY at 10-30 a.m. (S.T.) Property of a European Gentleman D. Rose, Esquire & others, at Babulal Mansion, Chowpatty Seaface, of complete household and office furniture, Dining Table, Chairs, Sideboard, Silver Show Cases, Cabinets, Book Cases, Chesterfield Sets, Chival Dressing Tables, Centre Table and Teapoys, Almirahs, Roll top Table, Bed with Box Mattress, Godrej Steel Fire Proof, Double Door large cupboard, new type 36" Godrej Fire Proof Safe, Singer Machine, Remington Standard and Portable Typewriters, Electric Fans, Wrist Watches, &c. VORA & CO.

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BROAD SCALE MILLS BUYING IN N. Y. COTTON MARKET

Unlimited Demand For Cotton Goods

RISE INDUCES ACTIVE PROFIT-TAKING

Bombay, March 27

On Thursday, the New York cotton market was steady under broad scale Mills influenced by unlimited demand for cloth. However the rise induced active profit-taking and a portion of the improvement was lost.

NEW YORK MARKET

Cotton advanced sharply on resumption of broad scale mill buying and price-fixing motivated by unlimited demand for cotton goods with purchases in the past week estimated at 250,000 bales. Prices reacted partially on hedging, New Orleans selling and profit-taking discussing good underlying trade demand. Finally active profit-taking developed and the session closed barely steady.

At the opening July was quoted 4 points up at 19.23 and declined to 19.22 which was the lowest level for the day. Thereafter there was steady trade buying and July advanced to 19.40 which was the highest level reached. Prices reacted and finally closed at a net rise of 8 to 12 points. Spot cotton prices advanced 11 points at 20.85c. per lb.

NEW ORLEANS MARKET

The New Orleans cotton futures market was also very steady and finally closed at a net rise of 10 to 14 points. Spot cotton prices gained 12 points at 19.88c. per lb.

LIVERPOOL MARKET

The Cotton Controller on Wednesday released an unspecified quantity of Egyptian Ashmouni and Giza 7, Indian American seed and Sind Bengal and also Sao Paolo, which are the first releases direct to the trade under the reorganisation plan indicating some firms are already on the Controller's importing list.

LOCAL MARKET

Yesterday, being a Hindu holiday, all markets were closed. The sentiment in cotton market was mixed, state Messrs. A. Podar and Co. The lot of Andamans was offset by Mahatma Gandhi's interview today with Sir Stafford Cripps and the latter's intention to disclose the British proposals to-morrow. All indications in this respect are yet hopeful. The ready market reported this week improved demand with slight advance in basis. The stock holders appear to be somewhat confident and are slowly transferring their April/May hedges into July/August, on the belief that should there be a brighter result from the current political discussions in Delhi, there may not be such heavy tenders as feared for. Cloth market was more cheerful on U. P. demand with firmer prices.

PRIVATE CABLES—

March 25: N Y. July highest (10-45 a.m.) ..... 19.30+19
New York July lowest (10 a.m.) ... 19.16+05
March 26: N. Y. July highest (10-31 a.m.) ..... 19.40+21
New York July lowest (10-2 a.m.) 19.22+03

Messrs. Chunilal Mehta and Co Ltd have received to-day the following cable information from their foreign friends:—

New York: Continued trade buying. Undertone steady.

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, March 26

May	19.17+10
July	19.27+08
October	19 42+12
December	19.45+05
January	19.47+09
March	19.58+11
Middling Spot	20.85+11

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

May	19.23+13
July	19.36+14
October	19.66+12
December	19.71+10
January	19.72+10
March	19.79+13
Middling Spot	19.88+12

NEW YORK COTTON NOON CALL

New York, March 25

May	19.18
July	19.30
October	19.43

BOMBAY STOCK EXCHANGE

Price Limits Removed

Bombay, March 27

At last the Stock Exchange authority has left the market open to adjust to changed conditions and prices are now free to fluctuate. Thus it will be seen that fixing of minimum prices has done no good to anyone beyond giving false hopes of security and eventually buyers have to suffer heavy losses.

Tata Steel Defds opened at Rs. 1205 and declined to Rs. 1150, while Ordinary shares were quoted Rs. 230. Bombay Dyeing shares were placed at Rs. 1102 and Century shares were quoted at Rs. 372. In the forward section Tata Steel Defds opened at Rs. 1250 and improved to Rs 1260. Ordinary shares opened at Rs 240 and steadied at Rs. 242. Associated Cement shares were quoted at Rs 157 in cash and no forward trading was reported. Bellapur on cash were quoted at Rs. 219 and forward business was done at Rs 220 Kohinoors were steady at Rs. 426. Gokaks on cash were quoted at Rs. 240 against forward at Rs. 245. It appears that all open forward business will be adjusted now and the market will work eventually only on cash basis.

TEXTILES

Bombay March 27

100	Ahmedabad Advance	305 0
250	BOMBAY DYEING	1100 0
100	CENTURY	375 0
100	CENTRAL INDIA	327 0
100	Colaba X.D.	162 8
100	Coorla	120 0
250	Dawn	552 0
250	David	300 0
1	E. D. Sassoon Defd.	2 4 6
100	FINLAY	194 0
100	GOKAK	245 0
1000	Hindustan	2282 8
100	Indore	230 0
100	Khatau	229 6
100	KOHINOOR X.D.	423 0
250	LAXMI	640 0
100	Madhusudan	320 0
100	MORARJI	470 0
250	Model	212 8
50	MYSORE	125 0
200	NEW GREAT X.D.	240 0
100	Podar X.D.	189 0
100	Phoenix	385 0
25	Sassoon Silk	81 0
1000	Sholapur	5000 0
50	SIMPLEX	155 0
100	SWADESHI	380 0
100	SWAN	180 0
600	Vishnu	1470 0
1000	Western	1550 0

BANKS

50-100	Baroda X.D.	104 8
25-50	Central India X.D.	40 0
500	Imperial	1415 0
125-500	Imp. Cont.	347 8
50-100	India X.D.	136 0
100	Reserve Bank	97 0
5	Union X.D.	5 12

CEMENTS

100	ASSOCIATED X.D.	155 0

INSURANCE

15-75	New India	43 0
100	Empire	703 0
15-100	Jupiter	13 4
20	Mercantile	60 0
200	Oriental	3450 0
10-50	Vulcan	8 2

ELECTRIC

100	Ahmedabad Old X.D.	164 6
1000	ANDHRA VALLEY	1510 0
10	Ajmer	12 15
50	BOMBAY TRAMS	129 0
100	Bombay Suburban	170 0
10	Broach	13 6
100	Karachi	200 0
100	Poona	217 0
100	Surat	189 6
100	TATA HYDRO	159 0
1000	TATA POWER	1402 8

RAILWAYS

500	Ahmedabad Prantij X.D.	865 0
100	C. Province	104 0
100	Dhond Baramati	104 4
100	Gujarat	102 0
100	Mandra Bhon	101 0
100	Pachora Jamner	93 8
100	Sara Sirajganj	99 0
500	Tapti Valley	631 4

MINGS

9	Burma Corporation	1 14 6
2sh.	Indian Copper	1 11
10	Indian Iron and Steel	23 0
30	SHIVRAJPUR	30 8
10	Mukund Iron	13 15
40	TATA STEEL DEFD.	1265 0
75	TATA STEEL ORD.	245 0
10	Steel Corporation	13 15

MISCELLANEOUS

100	ALCOCK	425 0
10	Air Services	3 0
50	BELAPUR SUGAR	220 0
200	Bombay Safe Deposit	650 0
250	BOMBAY STEAM	315 0
100	B. BURMA	223 12
50	Contributory	75 0
8sh.	Br. B. Petrol	1 3
100	IND. BLEACHING	175 0
80	Ind Invest. Trust	47 8
100	Indian Radio Def	360 0
100	Indian Radio Ord	340 0
100	Port Canning	72 0
30	PREMIER CONSTRUCTION	107 0
15	Scindia	18 0
24	Tata Oil	45 0
24	Tata Chemical	14 14
100	Wimco	192 8

PREFERENCE

7	p.c. Andhra Valley	1502 0
6	p.c. Bom. Steam	315 0
7	p.c. Bom. Tram. (T.F.) X.D.	75 0
5	p.c. Central India (T.F.)	651 4
6	1/4 p.c. Premier Const. 1st	112 0
6	1/4 p.c. Premier Const. 2nd X.D.	104 8
7	p.c. Tata Hydro	147 8
7	1/2 p.c. Tata Power	1523 12
6	p.c. Tata Steel 1st	185 0
7	1/2 per cent Tata Steel 2nd	106 0
7	p.c. Vishnu	715 0

DEBENTURES

4	p.c. Andhra Valley Deb	100 0
4	p.c. Bom. Telephone	48 0
5	p.c. Morarji	103 6
5	p.c. Sholapur	74 8
4	p.c. Tata Power Deb.	105 8

BOMBAY METALS

Bombay, March 27

Yellow metal sheets	Rs. 104 0 0
Copper sheets	Rs. 125 0 0

Tone:—Steady.

GOVT. SECURITIES

Bombay March 27

2 3/4	per cent 1948-52 93
3 1/2	per cent G P Notes 88/2
3	per cent 1951/54 Loan 94/1
3	per cent 1949/52 Loan 95/4
4	per cent 1960/70 Loan 103
4	per cent 1945 Bonds 102/2
3	per cent War Bonds 97/6
3 1/2	per cent 1947/50 Loan 97/8
4 1/2	per cent 1955 Loan 107/8

TAX FREE LOANS

5	per cent 1945/55 Loan 105/2
4	per cent 1953/63 Mysore 110
5	per cent 1955 Mysore 120 N

CORPORATION DEBENTURES

4	per cent B P T 1947 97/8
4	per cent M Deb 1947 99/8
5	per cent M Deb 1959 109
5	per cent M Deb 1954 118
5	per cent K P T 1956 116

Trend:—Steady.

Market is closed to-morrow and on Monday and reopens on Tuesday.

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Bombay, March 27

The market experienced a fall in prices to-day. Tata Deferreds, which stood previously at 1265, opened at 1235 and on scattered liquidation dropped down to 1155. Taa Ordinaries however ruled relatively steadier between 235 and 320. Bombay Dyeings came down to 1095. Indian Irons were quoted at 23.

The following were the important quotations on the Exchange, to-day:

Tata Deferreds (1265) 1235 1155 1160
Tata Ordinaries (240) 235 230 234
Tata Ordinary 234; Tata Deferred 1160; Indian Iron 23; Steel Corpn of Bengal 13/14; Bombay Dyeing 1095; Central India 327/8; Century 372/8; Gokak 248/2; Kohinoor 425; Simplex 170; Andhra Valley 1490; Tata Hydro 152/8; Tata Power 1375; Associated Cement 155; Belapur 217/8; Bombay Burma (old) 205.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, March 26

Quite and less buoyant to-day, but values mostly maintained apart from tobaccos which lost around half crown on budget talk and oils where leaders apart from Mexeagules sixteenth lower. Giltedged and home rails unchanged, industrials mainly steady with cable wireless the bright feature, preference recovering three and half points, ordinary one and half bear covering and Indian Iron advancing sixteenth. Rubbers recorded small gains on Commons' statement, Brazil rails supported, Kaffirs quiet. Wall Street heavy.

METAL EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS

Bombay, March 27

Copper sheets lb. 21 Rs. 135/8 28 127/8 35 126/8 42 125/8 49-56 122
Brass sheets Flag Brand lb. 20-21 Rs. 105 24 103 28 103 35 93 4 92 49-56 92
Spelter 'P.H.' Rs. 76 Rosita Rs. 72 Country make Rs. 60 Pigiead 'B.M.' Refined Rs. 32/8 per cwt.
Tin Ingot Penang Rs. 83/8 per qr.

SETTLEMENT RATES

Copper sheets Ashad Rs. 127/8
Market tone: Steady.

TEJI MANDI PREMIUMS

Bombay, March 27

Wheat May	Rs.	0 5 0
Linseed May		0 5 3
Groundnut May		2 6 0
Castorseed May		2 8 0
Cottonseed May		1 2 0
Silver 1st settlement		2 0 0
Gold 1st settlement		1 0 0

GROUNDNUTS AND SEEDS

Bombay, March 27

Groundnuts May—		
Opening	Rs.	43 2 0
Highest		43 5 6
Lowest		42 0 0
Closing		42 3 0
Cottonseeds May—		
Opening		25 7 0
Highest		25 8 0
Lowest		24 13 0
Closing		24 14 6
Castorseeds May—		
Opening		42 12 0
Highest		42 12 0
Lowest		41 12 0
Closing		41 12 0

LINSEED AND WHEAT

Bombay, March 27

Linseed May	Rs.	9 1 0
Wheat May	Rs.	7 7 0

BOMBAY YARN QUOTATIONS

Bombay, March 27

Yarn No. 6 1/2s. April 175 June 174
Yarn No. 10 1/2s. April 212 June 211
Yarn No. 20 1/2s. April 308 June 303
Yarn No. 40s. April 430 June 425
Quotations for 6 1/2s, 10 1/2s and 40s. are nominal.

READY COTTON QUOTATIONS

Bombay, March 27

	Old.	Ready	Mar
Bengal Fine	110-15	127/30	.....
Berar	111-13	136/37	.....
C. P. 1	121-23	165/67	.....
C. P. 2	116-18	143/45	.....
Khandesh	90-100	113/18	.....
Mugtai	100-05	113/18	Fine
Broach	100-05	161	Par
Broach Low	90-95	.....	.....

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGES

London, March 26

Rupee paper 3 1/2 per cent	£64
Indian stock 3 1/2 per cent 1931 or later	101 1/8
Consols 2 1/2 per cent	83 1/8
Conversion loan 3 1/2 per cent 1961	106 1/4
War loan 3 1/2 per cent	105 7/8
Funding loan 4 per cent 1960/90	114 1/2
Victory bonds 4 per cent 1960/90	113 3/8
Chartered Bank of I A and China	5 7/16
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank (London reg.).	49
National Bank of India	23

BOMBAY COTTON

Bombay, March 27

Following a further rise of 8 points in New York cotton futures, the local market opened steady at Rs. 162/8 for Broach A/M delivery but there being absence of any buying prices declined to Rs. 160/12 under scattered selling and Broach J/A was quoted at Rs. 181. Time for tenders against A/M delivery is drawing near and there being no inclination to support the market, the difference is likely to widen. The outlook is uncertain. Last year at this time the market was cornered but at present prices are nearly halved and there being no export outlet the market is keeping weak.

Thereafter there was further scattered selling and Broach A/M was quoted at Rs. 159 and J/A stood at Rs. 178/12. Later on there was considerable selling on unfavourable war news. The market was demoralised and closed at 4-30 p.m. as under:

BROACH April/May	Rs.	155 0 0
BROACH July/August		174 0 0
OOMRA May		133 0 0
OOMRA July		145 0
BENGAL May		121 4 0
BENGAL July		127 0 0

GOLD AND SILVER

Bombay, March 27

Yesterday London gold was unchanged at £8-8-0. Dollar sterling cross rate was 4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2 at London and 4.03 3/4 at New York.

London Spot and Forward silver quotations were unchanged at 23 1/2d. and New York Spot silver was unchanged at 35 1/8 cents. London Bombay Spot and Forward silver parity was Rs. 52-10-3. The local market is mainly influenced by war news and supplies being limited prices are easily affected by speculative operations. The market was firm with active buying. Quotations were as under:

GOLD

Ready	Rs.	52 10 0
Chaitra		52 6 0
Sovereigns		39 4 0

SILVER

Ready		89 4 0
Chaitra		82 14 0

LONDON SILVER

London, March 26

Spot	23 1/2
Forward	23 1/2

LONDON GOLD

London, March 26

Gold Bars Fine per oz.	£8-8-0

LONDON PRODUCE

London, March 26

Rozario Santa Fe Mar/Apl quoted	22/1 1/2
Barletta Russo Mar/Apl quoted	22/3
Australian wheat Mar/Apl quoted	27/6

INDIAN COTTON FIGURES

Bombay, March 27

RECEIPTS INTO BOMBAY

In full-pressed bales.	Yesterday	This year	Since 1st Sept. Last year
Khandesh	174	74,536	92,354
Central India	..	29,403	122,523
Barsi and Nagar	357	47,304	92,969
Hyderabad/Gaorani	.....	11,069	32,510
Berar	1,475	170,553	320,635
Central Provinces	342	77,982	67,222
Total Oomras	2,348	410,847	728,363
Dholeras	.....	29,566	60,324
N W Provinces	.....	1,021	1,202
Rajputana	.....	378	5,037
Sind-Punjab	1,055	372,234	412,174
Broach	1 908	372,845	68,979
Coompta & Dharwar	.....	7,643	36,805
Westerns-Northerns	29	8,002	40,952
Cocoanada	.....	.....	239
Tinnevelly & Cambodia	.....	9,073	933
Total	5,340	1,111,609	1,355,008
Arrived by road to 19th March 1942	.....	88.500	223,135

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FIRM TONE IN GOVT. SECURITIES

Selling Pressure In Forward Shares

(From Our Special Correspondent.)

Bombay, March 27.

GILT-EDGED.

In the absence of sellers, the gilt-edged market presented a firm tone and prices showed fractional improvement all-round. Small business transpired even in long-term bonds which had been neglected since the fixing of minimum prices about four weeks' ago. 3 1/2 per cent. Rupee Paper improved by about a point to Rs. 88-2, whilst 3 1/2 per cent. India Sterling Stock in London was a shade better at £101 1/8. 4 per cent. 1960-70 loan was done at Rs. 103-2, whilst 3 per cent. 1963-65 loan was quoting about Rs. 88-8. In the medium dated bonds, there was persistent inquiry and there was a further improvement in prices. 5 per cent. 1945-55 (tax free) loan advanced from Rs. 104-8 to Rs. 104-14. 3 per cent. 1946 bonds improved from Rs. 97-4 to Rs. 97-10 and 3 1/2 per cent. 1947-50 loan recovered from Rs. 97-4 to Rs. 97-8. 2 3/4 per cent. 1948-52 loan ruled steady around Rs. 93 3 per cent. 1951-54 loan around Rs. 94 and 4 1/2 per cent. 1955-60 loan around Rs. 107-8.

MONEY.

There was no change in the conditions prevailing in the local short-term money market during the week under review. Call money was quoted between 1/4 and 1/2 per cent. and three to six months' money around 1 1/4 per cent. The discount rate of Government of India three months' Treasury Bills moved up fractionally from Rs. 1-2-8 to Rs. 1-2-9 per cent. per annum. Tap Bills sold during the week amounted to Rs. 94.50 lacs.

EXCHANGE.

There were no new trends in the rupee/sterling exchange market. For interbank business, Sellers of spot T.T. on London quoted 1s. 5 63/64d. and buyers 1s. 5d. Merchant rates fixed by the Exchange Banks' Association were unchanged as under:—

Sellers of T. T. on London (spot and upto six months) 1s. 5 31/32.

Sellers of T. T on London (spot and upto six months) 1s. 6 1/32d.

The quotation for sterling in the New York market remained stationary at 403.75 cents throughout the week under review.

GOLD.

Gold prices tended to be stabilized though slightly at the lower level during the week. The undertone, however, remained very steady. Fluctuations were less frequent and less wide than those witnessed during the past few weeks. Opening at Rs. 51-4-0, ready gold went up to Rs. 52-4-0 on Monday, but reacted to Rs. 50-2-0 the next day. The occupation of the Andaman islands by the Japanese brought about a hardening of rates which improved to Rs. 52-0-0 at the close. April settlement gold, which was quoted at a discount of 2 annas at the start, stood even with spot towards the close. There were no dealings for May settlement. The price of sovereigns varied between Rs. 38-8-0 and Rs. 39-0-0 and the "special" source is reported to have sold small lots at about the prevailing premium in the market. Floating stocks of gold are estimated to be around 125,000 tolas; arrivals from country are said to have averaged about 8,000 tolas a day; whilst the average daily offtake is put at 5,000 tolas. The highest and lowest rates recorded during the week were: Rs. 52-4-0 and Rs. 50-2 for spot and Rs. 52-2 and Rs. 50-2 for April settlement.

SILVER.

The silver section of the local bullion market was inclined to be steady throughout the week under review. From Rs. 80-12-0 quoted at the opening spot silver of .999 fineness went up steadily to Rs. 86-4-0 on Thursday and closed firmer at Rs. 87-10-0. April settlement silver was quoted at a discount varying between 5 and 6 rupees. Ready silver of .916 fineness stood about 12 annas under April. There were no quotations for May settlement in the market. In London, the rate for both cash and forward silver remained fixed at 23 1/2d. throughout the week. Floating stocks of silver are estimated to be around 8,000 bars. The highest and lowest rates touched were: Rs. 87-10 and Rs. 80-12 for spot and Rs. 81-10 and Rs. 75-12 for April settlement.

SHARES.

After an initial steadiness, the share market showed signs of weakening following depressing war news from the Far East. Furthermore, the withdrawal of minimum prices by the Stock Exchange authorities for the scrips on the forward list also caused certain amount of selling pressure with the result that the market finished on an easy note with sellers predominating.

Tata Iron and Steel Deferreds which were quoted unofficially around Rs. 1,400, finished easier at Rs. 1,285, whilst Ordinaries, in which business was reported at around Rs. 260, declined and closed at Rs. 245. In the cotton mill section also there was a sympathetic fall: Bombay Dyeings ruled easier at Rs. 1,100, Central Indias at Rs. 327 and Centuries at Rs. 375. Kohinoors dropped to Rs. 425, New Greats to Rs. 240 and Scindeshis to Rs. 380. In the Cash section of the market, however, prices were comparatively steady although there was a slight recession in this group too. In the Hydro-electric section, Andhra Valleys were reported to have changed hands at Rs. 1,470 and Tata Powers at Rs. 1,355 for cash, whilst Bombay Trams were quoted about 3 points lower at Rs. 129. Tata Hydros found sellers at Rs. 153. Amongst Banks, Bank of Indias closed a point lower at Rs. 135 whilst Central Banks, after ruling firm around Rs. 43-4 at the beginning, closed easier at Rs. 40. Imperial Banks were quoted at Rs. 1,415 for Fully Paids and at Rs. 347-8 for Partly Paids. Reserve Banks were almost stationary around Rs. 97. In the Miscellaneous section, Associated Cements were somewhat neglected at Rs. 155 and Bombay Burmas at Rs. 225. Belapurs, on the other hand, declined from Rs. 232 to Rs. 220 at the close. Scindia Steams and New Indias were both weak at Rs. 18 and Rs. 43 respectively.

CALCUTTA.

Jute shares in the Calcutta market continued steady, but prices remained unchanged in the absence of any business.

Retail Food Stuffs Quotations

Fair retail prices of several articles of foodstuffs in the Bombay City published by the Controller of Prices, Bombay, for the week beginning from Friday, the 27th March :—

Article	Rs. a. p. per paylee
Rice (Burma):	
Small Mill	0 10 0
Mandla	0 11 6
Rice Country: Jirasal:	
(Bhiwandi) No. 1 quality	0 15 0 to 1 1 0
(Bhiwandi) No. 3 quality	0 13 0 to 0 14 0
Patni	0 10 6
Jowar Sholapur Yellow	0 7 0
Bajri Cawnpore No. 1	0 6 6
Bajri Kalpi Ordinary	0 7 0
Gram Banda	0 8 6
Gram Shahapura	not quoted.
Turdal Cawnpore Dry	0 10 0
Turdal Surti Oiled (Superior)	0 14 0
Masur Dal Superior	0 9 0
Chana Dal No. 1	0 10 6
	per lb.
Ghee Porbunder	0 14 6
Butter (Polsons)	1 6 0
Cocoanut Oil	0 3 6
Indian Sugar (large grain)	0 3 0
Groundnut Oil	0 3 0
Mutton (sheep) 1st class	0 5 0
Mutton (goat) 1st class	0 5 0
	per doz.
Eggs Hen's graded 'Agmark' A.	0 10 0
Eggs Hen's graded 'Agmark' B.	0 9 0
Eggs Hen's ungraded	0 8 0
	per lb.
Potatoes (Indian)	0 1 6
Onions	0 0 9
	2 boxes.
Wimco Matches 50 sticks	0 1 0
Other Brands Matches 40 sticks	0 0 9
	per maund.
Charcoal	0 12 0

Prices of wheat are controlled by Government and are published separately

BOMBAY PRODUCE

Bombay, March 27

The British Food Ministry has raised Madras groundnut limit by 10 shillings at £12 and about 1400 tons business was booked. In the local market groundnuts May opened at Rs. 43/2 and after advancing to Rs. 43/5 declined to Rs. 43 on selling from Kathiawar operators. Ready Bold and Khandesh quality business was done at Rs. 8/5. Local crushers bought at Rs. 41/8 on Bazar terms. Castorseeds May opened at Rs. 42/12 and declined to Rs. 42/10 with ready business done at Rs. 8/3. Cottonseed May opened at Rs. 25/7 and declined to Rs. 25/4. Ready cottonseeds were done at Rs 23/8. Linseed May opened at Rs. 9/2/9 and declined to Rs. 9/2/3. Ready business was done at Rs. 8/12/6. Wheat May opened at Rs. 7/6/9 and firmed up to Rs. 7/7/3. Delhi Picci was done at Rs. 8/12 and Karachi Bangla business was reported at Rs. 8/13.

Standard Contract For Indian Cotton

Bombay, March 27

It is understood that the Committee appointed to revise the present hedge contract for cotton has drawn out a big scheme wherein indian cotton of 11/16 inch staple will be tendered with a provision to tender at interior centres on the basis of fixed differences. The buyer will have the option to call cotton. If the present scheme is adopted for new year Indian cotton crop, it will have a constructive effect as large quantities of short staple cotton with sellers option had depressing effect.

COTTON PARITY

Broach April/May below New York May 1,289 cent points at 331

Broach July/August below New York July 1,228 cent points at 331

COTTON ROOM RATES

Bombay, March 27

	Extra Sprfine	Sup	Fine	FG	Good
M G Bengal U P		129	126	123	120
M G Punjab		129	126	123	120
M G Rajputana		135	132	129	126
M G Oomra No. 3	139	136	133	130	
M G C P No. 1	173	170	167	164	
M G C P No. 2	151	148	145	142	
M G Broach No. 2		167	164	161	158
M G Punjab-Ameri.		242	239	236	233
M G Surat		297	294	291	288
M G Rajpipla		291	288	285	282
M G Navsari		297	294	291	288

MONEY MARKET

Bombay, March 27

LONDON :—
Banks buying 90 days/St 1/6 9/32 2 months
Banks buying 90 days/St 1/6 5/16 Three months.
Banks buying 90 days/St 1/6 5/16 Four months
R. C. Rates :—T T 1/5 15/16 D D 1/5 15/16
Banks selling T T 1/5 31/32 D D 1/5 31/32
Banks buying T T 1/6 1/32: D D 1/6 5/32
NEW YORK :—
Banks selling T T Rs 332 3/4: D D Rs 332 3/4
Banks buying T T Rs. 329 1/2: D D Rs 326 1/2
MONTREAL :—
Banks selling T T Rs. 302 1/2: D D Rs 302 1/2
Banks buying T T Rs. 297 1/4: D D Rs 295 3/4
BERNE :—
Banks selling T T Fcs 126 3/4: D D nil
Banks buying T T Fcs 131 1/2: D D nil
STOCKHOLM :—
Banks selling T T K 123: D D K 123
Banks buying T T K 128: D D K 128
MEXICO :—
Banks selling T T Rs. 67.27: D D Rs 66.27
Banks buying T T Rs 63.04: D D Rs 62.04
LISBON :—
Banks selling T T Esc 7.35 nominal: D D Esc 7.35 nominal
Banks buying T T Esc 7.55: D D Esc 7.55
AUSTRALIA :—
Banks selling T T 1/10 3/8: D D 1/10 3/8
Banks buying T T nil: D D 1/11 3/8
Tone of Sterling Exchange :—Quiet
Gold £8-8-0 Ready
New York Silver 35 1/8
London Silver 23 1/2 Ready: 23 9/16 Forward
London Discounts 3 months 1 1/16 per cent
London Discounts 6 months 1 1/8 per cent
Reserve Bank Rate 3 per cent
Bank of England Rate 2 per cent
Money :—Call and 1 month 1/2 per cent
2 to 3 months 3/4 per cent.
4 to 6 months 1 per cent.
Tone :—Steady.

Position Of Scheduled Banks

Statement of the position of Scheduled Banks as at the close of business on the 20th March.—

1. Demand Liabilities in India	223,68,30,000
2. Time Liabilities in India	99,82,21,000
3. Cash in India:	
(i) Currency Notes of the Government of India and Bank Notes	9,53,59,000
(ii) Rupee Coin	94,38,000
(iii) Subsidiary Coin	38,27,000
4 Balances with Reserve Bank	40,27,06,000
5. Advances in India	113,11,72,000
6 Bills Discounted in India	2,85,77,000

Comparative Statement of the Position of Scheduled Banks.

(In trousands of Rs.)

	20-3-1942	15-3-1942	21-3-1941	1-9-1939
bilities in India				
1. Demand Liabilities in India	223,68,30	219,77,36	170,12-78	134,36,49
2 Time Liabilities in India	99 82,21	100,96,46	101,45,10	102,24.34
3. Cash in India	9,86,24	10,47.71	8,13.55	6,59.92
4. Balances with Reserve Bank	40,27,06	39,62,51	36,79,88	2517,19
5 Advances in India	113,11,72	114,79,37	115,35,70	101,52,16
6. Bills Discounted in India	2,84,77	3,19,56	5,99,86	3,57,29

Colombo Quotations

Colombo, March 27.

Sharemarket.—Estates company of Uva 12, Midford Ceylon tea 4, Gonaadika 1 1/2, Kaluganga Valley tea rubber 4, Ayen Ceylon tea rubber 8 1/2, Moneragalla rubber 3, Neuchatel 15 North-western 7 1/2, Rayigam 9 1/2, Saffragam U rubber tea 87 1/2, Talgaswella tea 22 1/2, Vogan tea 17, Agrates 12, Kuvaesmire 27.

Commercial companies Ceylon insurance 8, Ceylon theatres 16, Colombo hotels 15.

LONDON EXCHANGES

London, March 26

T T London on :—
New York sellers 4.02 1/2 buyers 4.03 1/2
Madrid official 40.5 voluntary rate 46.55
Montreal sellers 4.43 buyers 4.47
Zurich sellers 17.3 buyers 17.4
Stockholm sellers 15.85 buyers 16.95

Latest Commercial

JULY

New York, March 27.

Previous closing	19.27
To-day's opening	19.40
Difference	+.13
To-day's closing	not received

NEW YORK COTTON.

New York, March 27.

Following are the New York opening ranges:

May (19.11/11)	19.29/28
July (1923/23)	19.40/39
October (19.34/34)	19.54/52

LONDON COMMODITIES.

London, March 27.

SEEDS

Castorseeds March/April (£20 5/8 sellers) £20 5/8 sellers

Linseed Bombay/Calcutta March/April (£20 nominal) £20 nominal

Linseed La Plata March/April unquoted

Groundnut Coromandal Coast March/April (East Coast India shipment not quoted: £20 West Coast India shipment) £20 West Coast shipment.

LONDON METALS

Electric Copper (£62) £62

Lead (£25) £25

Glasgow Iron No 3 (131 sh.) 131 sh.

EXCHANGE:

CROSS RATES.

T.T NEW YORK ON LONDON

New York, March 27.

Previous closing	4.03 1/2
To-day's opening	4.03 1/2

T.T LONDON ON NEW YORK

London, March 27.

Previous closing	4.02 1/2 sellers: 4.03 1/2 buyers
To-day's opening	4.02 1/2 sellers: 4.03 1/2 buyers.
To-day's closing	4.02 1/2 sellers: 4.03 1/2 buyers.

LONDON BULLION.

London, March 27.

London Gold (£8-8-0)	£8-8-0
LONDON SILVER	
Spot (23 1/2d)	23 1/2d nil
Forward (23 1/2d)	23 1/2d nil

CROSS RATES

London on Bombay (1-5 1/32 sellers; 1-5 31/32 buyers) 1-5 1/32 sellers; 1-5 31/32 buyers

New York on Bombay (30.36) 30.36

DISCOUNTS

3 months (1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent) 1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent

4 months (1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent) 1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent.

6 months (1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent) 1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, March 27.

The Stock Exchange was quiet to-day.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

London, March 27.

New York Stock Exchange 'opening prices:

General motors (dol 34 3/4)	dol 35
Anaconda copper mining (dol 26)	dol 25 3/4
United States Steel common (dol 50 3/8)	dol 50 1/4

U. S. Steel preference (unquoted) unquoted.

3% PER CENT STERLING LOAN

London, March 27.

3 1/2 per cent Indian Sterling Loan closed to-day at £101 1/8

AUSTRALIAN LOAN

London, March 27.

5 per cent 1958/68 £101

BRITISH FUNDS

2 1/2 per cent British Consols £83 1/4
3 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan £106 1/4
2 per cent Conversion Loan £100
4 per cent Funding Loan £114 1/2
3 1/2 per cent War Loan £105 7/8
3 per cent War Loan £100 1/4
4 per cent Victory Bonds £113 1/2

INDUSTRIALS

Standard Motors 16-6
Marks and Spencer Ordinary 34-9
Electric Music Industry 13-10 1/2
Pinchin Johnson 21-0
Imperial Chemical 32-7 1/2
Woolsworth New Ordinary 50-0
San Paulo 7 per cent Coffee Rate £78
Dundee 25-7 1/2
Unilever Ordinary 26-0
Ford Motors 24-6
Cables and Wireless New Ordinary £52
British American Tobacco Ordinary £3 21/32
Carreas 'A' £5 1/8
Imperial Tobacco Ordinary £6 3/16
P and O Defd 27-1 1/2
Distillers 73-9
Bredfords Dyes 7-1 1/2
British Celanese 5-6
J and P Coates 34-10 1/2
Courtaulds Ordinary 32-3
Fine Cotton Spinners 6-9
Vickers Limited Ordinary 16-0
Inter Nickel dol 40 3/8
Indian Iron 34-4 1/2

TEA SHARES

Assam 12-0
Donaro Tea 21-3
Empire of India 11-3

JUTE

Barnagore £5 nominal

RUBBER SHARES

Anglo-Dutch Rubber 8-6
Gula Kelampong 8-1 1/2
Rubber Plant Inv Trust 11-9

MINING SHARES

Nandydrug 16-3
Burma Corporation 3-7 1/2
Rio Tintos £8
East Rand Properties £1 7/8
Rand Mines £6 1/4

MINE SHARES

Crown £8 3/4
Associated Portland Cement 45-0
Trinidad Leasehold 58-1 1/2
Sub-Nigel £6
Spring Mines Split Share £1
Union Corporation 128-9

OIL SHARES

Venezuela Persian 35-0
Anglo-Indin 38-9
Burma Oil £1 17/32
Mexican Eagle £12-9
Shell Transport £1 29/32
Royal Dutch £13 1/2

RAILWAY SHARES

Great Western Ordinary £42 1/4
London Midland Ordinary £18 1/4
London North Eastern Defd £1 3/4
London Southern Defd £15 1/8
London Transport 5 per cent £130 1/2
London Transport £40

SHIPPING NEWS.

IMPORTS.

Bombay, March 27.

9049 bags cocoanuts; 3915 bags copra; 597 bags pepper; 761 bales rubber; 266 bags fish manure; 100 jottas mangoes; 2900 bdls steel bailing hoops; 521 bdls coir rope; 328 bdls round iron bars; 160 bags turmeric; 40 bdls lamb skins; 560 bags dry dates; 1371 pkgs empty beer bottles; 172 bags ginger; 70 bags sardines; 42 bags cummin seed; 100 bags fire clay; 10000 nong fire brick; 39 bdls rose bud dried; 100 nos butane gas cylinder; 43 nos empty cylinders; 1100 nos empty drums; 169 bdls salted fish; 268 bags dry prawns; 71 bdls wooden planks; 139 bdls wooden shooks; 6949 bales cotton raw; 176 bdls cotton wood rattans; 698 bags sandalwood; 40 cts cotton wood nest of boxes; 36 bdls cotton wood planks; 111 bags gum; 901 pkgs dried fruits; 2962 lse iron plates; 174 bdle iron plates; 119 cases paint; 166 lse steel pipe; 48 bags cow glue 413 bdls steel sheets; 4666 lse iron sheets; 866 bdls iron sheets; 2910 pkgs iron circles; 1096 lse steel sheets; 73 bdls steel sheet circles; 5001 lse steel sheet circles; 428 pkgs machinery and parts; 110 lse iron pipe.

EXPORTS.

60 bags turmeric powder E Mauji and Co; 1779 bags linseed B Bhuta and Co; 509 bales raw cotton The Patel Cotton Co; Ltd; 252 bales cotton piece goods K H Hillel; 75 bales cotton piece goods G N Musry; 14 bales cotton piece goods C Chandubhai; 5 bales cotton piece goods S Chunilal; 23 bales cotton piece goods C Kasturchand; 450 bales cotton waste clean Barot Bros and Co; 40 bales cotton piece goods H M Ghazanfar and Co; 920 bales cotton waste clean V A Save and Co; 5898 bags linseeds The Oil Seeds Trading Co. Ltd; 3657 bags gr nut kernels The Oil Seeds Trading Co. Ltd; 1000 bales raw cotton Volkart Bros; 1000 bales raw cotton Ramnarain Sons Ltd; 1000 bales raw cotton Gill and Co; 1200 bales cotton waste clean Volkart Bros; 6914 bags gr nut kernels Vaid Bros Ltd; 1040 tons pig iron Tata Iron and Steel Co. Ltd; 737 bales cotton piece goods Pohoomull Bros. (India); 181 bales cotton piece goods N Jivanlal and Co; 10 bales cotton piece goods P P Campbell and Co. Ltd; 277 bales cotton piece goods N M Bros and Co; 147 bales cotton piece goods C Popatlal; 117 bales cotton piece goods Vasanji Lalji and Sons; 35 bales cotton piece goods K Gordhandas and Co; 454 bales cotton piece goods Saleh Abdulla Bassam; 100 bales cotton piece goods C M Shah; 54 bales cotton piece goods Priam and Co; 243 bales cotton piece goods Dev and Co; 150 bales cotton piece goods T Nemchand and Co; 4 bales cotton piece goods M B Shah; 26 bales cotton grey yarn; Ebrahim Y Z Ali Reza; 150 bales cotton grey yarn A El Ejel; 70 bales cotton grey yarn The East Asiatic Co. (India); 109 bales cotton yarn Hariram Khiaram; 100 bales cotton piece goods Ralli Bros Ltd; 25 bales cotton piece goods A El Ejel; 40 bags dill seed M Shetha and Co; 70 bales cotton piece goods Keshavji Virji and Co; 87 bales cotton piece goods Textile Report Ltd; 58 bales grey cotton yarn E D Sassoon and Co Ltd; 42 bales cotton piece goods Parikh Bros; 106 bales coton piece goods F J Ivy; 317 bags gum M Kantilal; 317 bags gum Narsi Mulji and Co; 500 bales raw cotton The Bombay Co. Ltd; 108 bags carriander seeds Eastern Export Co; 133 bags carriander seed Narsi Mulji and Co.

SOLUTION OF MINORITY PROBLEM

A Suggestion To Cripps

Mr. Ghulam Mahomed Abdoola Calcuttawala has sent the following telegram to Sir Stafford Cripps:—

With hope my country welcomes you May God bless your Mission. I am an unimportant person and of no consequence t may look presumptuous on my part to address you Still I dare and request to be condoned for this liberty. Assuming the desire of His Majesty's Government to give India the largest possible concessions, the solution of minority problem is possible with courage and imagination I advocate safeguards by reserving seats in Centre and Provincial but voting of majority candidate should be by minority votes and minority vice versa". This method will bring the minority and the majority closer, naturally developing trust, friendship and attachment between them. The desire of the elected to please protect and satisfy those who elect will eventually, must necessarily, bring better understanding, co-operation and even the election period will be conducive to better relationship between the different communities which often due to exaggerated zeal is otherwise aggravated.

Copies of the telegram have been sent to Mahatma Gandhi and Mr. M. A. Jinnah.

DERAILMENT ON E. I. R.

BOMBAY, March 27.

The driver of the 33 Up Delhi-Dehra Dun mixed Express was killed and the second fireman was seriously injured when the Express was derailed between Matiabpur and Kanth.

Seven passengers and the first fireman received minor injuries. The engine and two leading bogies capsized and the following three bogies derailed. The accident was due to sabotage by means of the removal of fishplates.

Through communication is likely to be interrupted for about 12 hours.—United Press.

LALA SHANKERLAL

Mr. Gian Prakash writes from New Delhi:—

My uncle, Lala Shanker Lal, Ex-General Secretary Forward Bloc and Managing Director, Tropical Insurance Company, was taken into custody at Bombay on the 9th November, 1941 under the Defence of India Rules and it is only on the 23rd instant, despite my repeated requests, I have been allowed to interview him in the place of his detention viz., Red Fort, Delhi

I went to the place in the company of my aunt, the wife of Lala Shanker Lal, for an interview at 3-30 p.m. on the 23rd instant. When face to face, I at once detected signs of great weakness and reduction in the energy of Lalaji. He was reduced physically, his complexion was pale and his face drawn. To my great horror and dismay I found that he is confined day and night in a dark, damp and unhealthy room which could hardly be a befitting place for the confinement even of a criminal, much less a gentleman of Lalaji's status, occupation and temperament, whose only crime is his love for Motherland and who has not been put to a trial in a competent Court of Law.

Flag Salutation At Congress House

Under the auspices of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee the monthly Flag Salutation Ceremony will be held to-morrow (Sunday) at 8 a.m. (S.T.), at the Congress House, when Shri Mangaldas M. Pakvasa will unfurl the National Flag.

The G.O.C. of the Bombay Seva Dal Writes:—Volunteers of the Bombay Seva Dal from all the centres in the City of Bombay are informed to be present to-morrow (Sunday), at 7 a.m. (S.T.) at the Congress House to attend the joint parade of the Seva Dal and the Monthly Flag Salutation to be held under the auspices of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee.

A.-I. Library Conference

The 5th session of the All-India Library Conference will be held in Bombay during the forthcoming Easter holidays, under the auspices of the University of Bombay. The Vice-Chancellor of the University will inaugurate the Conference on 4th April, while Mr. John Sargent, Educational Commissioner with the Government of India, will preside. An outstanding feature of the session will be "The Book in India" exhibition organised by the Executive Committee with a view to bring to light various aspects of the art of book production in India. Mr. K. M. Munshi, ex-Home Minister, will open the exhibition on 3rd April at 4 p.m. at the Convocation Hall. Diwan Bahadur Krishnalal M. Jhavtri is the Chairman of the Reception Committee.

FAR-EAST INDIAN ASSOCIATION

Hon. General Secretaries of the Far East Indian Association request such of the Indian merchants and other private Indians interested in the war-affected areas in the Far East to register their claims with the Association for properties taken over or destroyed by the Government as a part of the scorched earth policy or fallen in the enemy hands in Burma, Malaya, Java, Philippines, China and Japan, etc.

After making a list of such claims, further action will be taken up with the proper authorities. Replies to be sent to the office of the Association at 138, Medows Street, Fort, Bombay.

"NO DEFAMATION"

High Court Dismisses Revision Petition

(Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Broomfield and Mr. Justice Wassoodew.)

R. B. Tilak — Petitioner (Original Complainant.)

v.

J. S. Karandikar, Editor of the "Kesari" — Opponent (Original Accused.)

This was an application in revision from the order of the Chief Presidency Magistrate discharging notice in a criminal case instituted by the Petitioner against the Editor of Maratha Newspaper of Poona named "Kesari" on a charge of defamation in respect of a leading article published in that paper in January 1941. This article commented on a fast undertaken by the Petitioner who had called upon the trustees of the "Kesari" and the Maratha" to hand over the trusteeship to the Indian National Congress.

Their Lordships observed that the complaint seemed to be essentially a political dispute in which no doubt the exaggerated language of political controversy had been used. Their Lordships held that the passage complained of were not defamatory within the meaning of Section 499 of the Indian Penal Code if they were read in their proper context, and that therefore the Chief Presidency Magistrate was justified in dismissing the complaint. Their Lordships dismissed the revision application.

Mr. G. M. Thakore with the T. N. Wanawaikar appeared for the Petitioner.

Mr. H. C. Coyajee with Mr. K. N. Duarap appeared for the Opponent.

The Government Pleader appeared for the Crown.

Mayor Thanks Mrs. Sukhthankar

The members of the Municipal Standing Committee were entertained to a sumptuous dinner by their retiring Chairman Mrs. Malinibai Sukhthankar at the Orient Club on Friday night. Dr. J. A. Collaco, the Mayor thanked Mrs. Sukhthanker on behalf of the guests for the honour that she had done them.

One More Year Lease

The Bombay Agricultural Debtors Relief Act, 1939, and the Bombay Tenancy Act, 1939, having been applied only to a few talukas and petas, the Bombay Small Holders Relief Act, 1938, is at present in force in much the greater part of the Province. If the Act is not renewed, it would cease to be in force from March 31 this year. The Government has given careful consideration to the question of keeping the Act alive for another year and has come to the conclusion that, in the circumstances now prevailing, the balance of advantage lies strongly in favour of doing so. The Act is accordingly being continued for another year.

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UJALA
UJALA

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Sat., Sun. Matinee 12-30 p.m.

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BHARAT MILAP (HINDI)

PLEASE NOTE the CHANGE in TIMINGS from to-day:—
2-30 and 5-45 (Hindi);
8-45 (Marathi)
Sat., & Sun., MORNING 11-15 (Marathi).

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(MARATHI)

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City And Suburbs

LOCAL ENGAGEMENTS To-day

Hindu: Chaitra Shud 11, 1998
Muslim: Rabi-ul-Avval 10, 1361
Parsi: Meher 25, 1311
Sunrise: 6-38 a.m. Sunset: 6-50 p.m.
Hightide: 8-34, 21-39, Lowtide 3-12, 14-50

AMUSEMENTS OF THE DAY

NEW WEST END—"Doctor", 3-30, 6-15 and 9 p.m. Matinee, to-day and to-morrow at 1 p.m.
REGAL—"Paris Calling" 4 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
MAJESTIC—"Bharat Milap" 2-30, 5-45 and 8-45 p.m. Matinee, to-day and to-morrow at 11-15 morning.
ROXY—"Jhoola" 2-15, 4-45 and 9 p.m. to-day and to-morrow at 11 a.m.
NOVELTY—"Paisa" 3-30, 6-30 and 9 p.m. Matinee, to-day and to-morrow at 1 p.m.
CAPITOL—"I Wanted Wings" 4, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
CENTRAL—"Raja-Rani" 3-30, 6-15 and 9 p.m. Matinee, to-day and to-morrow at 1 p.m.
AURORA—"Sikandar" 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
CHITRA—"Shadi" 4, 6-45 and 9-45 p.m. Matinee, to-day and to-morrow at 1 p.m.
EDWARD—"Gharki-Laj" 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m Matinee, to-day and to-morrow at 1-30 p.m.
PALACE—"Billy the Kid" 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
KRISHNA—"Apna Ghar" 3, 6 and 9 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 12 noon
MINERVA—"Taj Mahal" 3-30, 6-15 and 9 p.m. Matinee, to-day and to-morrow at 1 p.m.
METRO—"They Died with their Boots on" 3, 6-15 and 9-30 p.m.
SWASTIK—"Nirdoshi" 3, 6 and 9 p.m. Matinee, to-day and to-morrow at 12 noon
BROADWAY—"Civil Marriage" 4-15, 7 and 10 p.m. Matinee, to-day and to-morrow at 1-30 p.m.
KOHINOOR—"Naya Sansar" 4-30 7-15 and 10 p.m. Matinee, to-day and to-morrow at 1-30 p.m.
OPERA HOUSE—"Khilauna" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m. Matinee, Sunday and Monday at 12-45.
IMPERIAL—"Yyas" 4, 7 and 10 p.m. Matinee, to-day and to-morrow at 1-30 p.m.
LAMINGTON—"Ujala" 3, 6 and 9 p.m. Matinee, to-day and to-morrow at 12-30 p.m.
PRAKASH—"Achut Kanya" 1-45 4, 6-45 and 9-30 p.m.

DAVAR'S COLLEGE ANNUAL SOCIAL GATHERING: The Davar's College Annual Social Gathering will be held to-day (Saturday), at 4 p.m. in C. J. Hall, when Sir Alexander Gray will preside.

BURMA-SHELL SPORTS CLUB: The Burmah-Shell Sports Club will hold its annual distribution and 'at-home', at the Catholic Gymkhana, Marine Drive, to-day (Saturday), at 5 p.m.

BOMBAY TENANTS' ASSOCIATION: The meeting of the Managing Board of the Association will be held in the 'D' Ward Office (Soman Building, Girgaum Road.) at 5 p.m. (S.T.).

HUME PIPE WORKERS' UNION: The general meeting of the workers will be held to-day (Saturday), at 6 p.m. at open place near the main gate of the Factory.

SECONDARY TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION: Fifth Teachers' Day—9-30 p.m. Cinema show, Capitol Theatre—3 p.m. onwards, Sport, Tea, meeting, St. Xaviers' High School—Dr. G. S. Krishnayya presiding.

INDIAN MUSIC CIRCLE: Under the auspices of Indian Music Circle (Bombay North) there will be a Music concert of Khan Saheb Latafat Hussein Khan on Sunday at 8-30 a.m. (S.T.) at Napoo Hall, Matunga.

YOUTHS' PARLIAMENT: That "Future of the world will be decided only by force" will be the subject of a public debate in the Youth Lodge, Blavatsky Lodge, to-day (Saturday), at 6-15 p.m. Atiya Begum Sahiba will preside.

ASTHIKA SAMAJ: "In connection with the Sri Rama Navami Utsav conducted by the Asthika Samaj in their own building at King's Circle, Matunga, arrangements have been made this year to feed 2000/3000 poor people on Sunday the 29th March 1942 between 12 noon and 3 p.m."

DADAR OPEN BADMINTON: Prize distribution of Dadar Open Badminton Championships to-morrow (Sunday), at 8 a.m. on Welfare Sports Club ground. Mrs. Kshama Row will preside and Miss Leila Row will distribute trophies

MUNICIPAL WORKERS' REPRESENTATIVES TO WAIT ON MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER: A deputation of the representatives of the Municipal workers from the various Departments of the Municipality will wait on the Municipal Commissioner to-day (Saturday), at 11 a.m. (S.T.) in the Commissioner's Office.

WESTERN INDIA NATIONAL LIBERAL ASSOCIATION: Under the auspices of the Western India National Liberal Association, Sir Bijoy Prasad Singh Roy, President of the National Liberal Federation will speak on "The Present Political Situation" at the Blavatsky Lodge Hall, French Bridge, Chowpatty, on Sunday the 29th instant at 6 p.m. (S.T.) Sir Chimanlal Setalvad will preside.

COMMUNAL GOOD-WILL CAMPAIGN: The 3rd public meeting under the auspices of the Bombay Peace Brigade will be held at 6-30 p.m. at Bahai Hall, Krishna Bldg, 2nd Floor, above Purohit's Hotel, Bori Bunder. Prof. P. A. Wadia and Mrs. Shirin Fouzdar will speak and Prof. V. G. Rao will preside.

MAZAGAON DOCK WORKERS: The Strike Committee of the Dockyard Labour Union will meet to-day (Saturday), at 5-30 p.m. at the Unions Office, P. T. Kamgar Sadan, Mazagaon, Bombay, to chalk out the strike plan. A mass meeting of the workers will be held on the terrace of the same building immediately after the meeting of the Strike Committee.

SRI RAMAKRISHNA ASHRAM, DADAR: Swami Gourishwaranandа will conduct his usual class on 'the last message of Sri Krishna-Uddhawa' to-day (Saturday), at 5-30 p.m. to-morrow (Sunday), at 9 a.m. there will be a Bhajan on 'Devi Nam Samkirtan' by Swami Yogendranandа and party at the Ashram premises, 64, Portuguese Church Street, Dadar (B.B. and C.I.).

LABOUR RECREATION CENTRE: A prize distribution to the winners of the Inter-Centre Volley Ball Tournament will be held at Rambilas Anandilal Podar Labour Recreation Centre, DeLisle Road, to-day (Saturday), at 6 p.m. the Mayor of Bombay presiding.

HOME GUARDS: Under the auspices of the Local Citizens Emergency Defence Committee a public meeting will be held to-day (Saturday), at 6-30 p.m. at King George English School Hall, Hindu Colony, Dadar. Mr. Jamnadas M. Metha will preside.

BOMBAY NATIONAL GUARDS: "The Jt. Hon. Secretary writes:—All the members and the recruits of the B.N.G. are required to be present in full uniform at the Congress House to-morrow (Sunday), at 7 a.m. to attend the Flag Salutation."

NATIONAL SERVICE LEAGUE: All teachers who are relieved from their jobs by their respective schools in Bombay due to war situation and specially those who are interested in national service are requested to give their full addresses in the B.P.C.C. Office before 12 a.m. on any day within a week.

FIELD CLUB VISIT TO AMBARNATH: The Bombay Field Club has arranged a study visit to the Medieval Temple of Ambarnath near Kalyan on (Sunday), when Mr. Jagannath Ahivasi, the eminent exponent of Indian Art will explain the artistic excellence of the beautiful sculptures there. The party will leave Victoria Terminus at 2 p.m. and return the same evening. Those who wish to join are requested to give their names to Mr. I. B. Patel, the Hon. General Secretary of the Club at the University School of Economics and Sociology.

PVB

ANDHERI CONGRESS COMMITTEE

Volunteers' Corps

(From Our Correspondent.)

ANDHERI, March 27.

With the approach of War danger to India, the Suburban District is organizing for defence of civil population

The Andheri District Congress Committee has taken up a task of awakening the people to their duties for their own self-defence. Uptil now 75 volunteers' have been enrolled between Andheri and Jogeshwari.

The Congress Committee have started First Aid classes at different centres, viz.:—

(1) Nagerdas Road—Andheri.
(2) Saraswat Colony—Jogeshwari (Maangesh Hall).
(3) Patel Buildings—Jogeshwari (East)

For Fire-Fighting and A. R. P. Training selected volunteers have gone to Malad Vyayam Shala and on their return the classes will be conducted. Separate arrangements will be made for ladies if they wish to join First Aid Classes.

Stirrup-pumps, stretchers and other implements of First Aid have been kept handy at Andheri and Jogeshwari in case of need.

Arrangements are afoot for cheap grain stores. The public are requested to join the classes and they are also requested to give all information to the volunteers who are moving from house to house for gathering necessary information in case of an emergency. For other particulars people are requested to refer to Andheri District Congress Committee Office, opp. Rly. Station between 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Patrolling Camp Inaugurated

(Issued from the P.V.B. Headquarters.

The P.V.B. patrolling camp was inaugurated on Thursday night at the People's Jinnah Hall by Shri Asoka Mehta. Nearly 200 volunteers participated.

Inaugurating the camp Sjt. Mehta stressed the necessity for co-ordinated action during emergency and observance of strict discipline.

Dr. P. S. Nair, welcoming the volunteers explained in detail the programme of the camp and said that persons attending the camp would imbibe the feeling of equality and service among the volunteers.

The camp was conducted on strict desciplinarian lines and there was sentry duty and patrolling practice inside the Congress House compound. At 11 p.m. the volunteers retired and in the morning there were physical exercises and infantry drill. The camp closed at 6-45 in the morning to reopen again at 9 p.m.

EVACUATION COMMITTEE'S MEETING.

A meeting of the Evacuation Committee of the P.V.B. will be held to-day (Saturday) at 6-45 p.m. (S.T.), at the People's Jinnah Hall.

"A" WARD P.V.B.: The Divl. Officer, 'A' Ward People's Volunteer Brigade writes:—

All the Circle and Sector Officers and volunteers of the Ward are requested to be present at the Ward Office, Bora Bazar Street, Holi Chakla, Fort, on Sunday and Monday the 29th and 30th March 1942, respectively at 8 a.m. whence they will proceed in batches for door-to-door enrolment and propaganda work.

P.V.B. FIRST AID CLASS

On behalf of "D' Ward P.V.B. First-Aid Class in Gujrati will be started at Parekh Wadi, B 100, 5th Floor, Girgaum Back Rd. Bombay 4, from to-day (Saturday), at 8-30 p.m. to 9-30 p.m. Dr. Vyas will conduct the class.

P. V. B. FIRST AID CLASS FOR 'D' WARD

On behalf of P. V. B. 'D' Ward one English First Aid Class will be started from March 27 in Orient High School, Kelewadi, Girgaum Road, Bombay at 5 p.m. to 6 p. m. except Wednesday and Sunday. Those who desire to join should inform in "D" Ward P. V. B. office.

A.R.P. MATUNGA: A lecture on "Elementary First Aid" will be delivered by a medical officer at 9 p.m. in Ramnarayan Ruia College. Mr. S. K. Deshpande, will deliver a lecture on "First-Aid to the Injured" at 9 p.m. in Ramnarain Ruia College.

A.R.P. GIRGAON: All wardens, Doctors, Nurses and First Aiders are requested to attend on Sunday, at 7-30 a.m. (sharp) in the Robert Money School, Proctor Road, Bombay, punctually.

A.R.P. PAREL & SEWREE AREAS: All wardens, Doctors, Nurses and First Aiders are requested to attend on Sunday at 9-45 a.m. (sharp) in the R. M. Bhatt High School, Parel.

BOMBAY EMERGENCY CITIZENS DEFENCE COMMITTEE: Public meeting to give a call to enroll Volunteer Defence Corps—Home Guard of India, under the auspices of Local Emergency Citizens Defence Committee will be held to-day (Saturday), at 6-30 p.m. at King George School Hall, Hindu Colony, Dadar, Mr. Jamnadas M. Mehta M.L.A. (Central) will preside.

MAJOR ATTEMPTS SUICIDE?

BOMBAY, Friday.

Major A. R. Fallon was placed to-day before Mr. R. Mathalone Presidency Magistrate Third Court on a charge of attempting to commit suicide.

Applying for an extension of the bail period of the accused, the police stated that the accused was admitted in St Georges Hospital on March 22 and was found to be suffering from poisoning.

The accused, the police stated had taken veronal tablets and had left a letter to the effect that he intended to commit suicide.

The Magistrate granted the police application.

CITY AND SUBURBS BAN ON WHEAT AND FLOUR EXPORT

The Government of Bombay direct that with effect from the 27th March 1942, no person shall remove any rice, wheat, wheat-flour, or Atta by road, rail or sea from any place within the limits of the City of Bombay and the Bombay Suburban District to any place in India outside the limits of the said City and District, except under a license granted by the Director of Civil Supplies Bombay, or by the Assistant Director of Civil Supplies, Bombay.

KUMARI JYUTHIKA RAY IN BOMBAY.

Jyuthika Ray needs no introduction to the lovers of Indian music. Her inimitable way of singing Mirabai's Bhajans have earned for her thousands of admirers all over the country; and naturally she is one of the most popular gramophone and radio singers to-day.

Now during this week her numerous fans in Bombay will have the rare opportunity to hear her in person at Sunderbai Hall where she will be giving three musical concerts on Thursday 2nd, Sat. 4th and Sun. 5th April 1942.

ON THE AIR

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

Delhi, I—Programme

338.6 metres (886 kc/s)

4-30 p.m. For Indian troops. 5 Bhagti Ras Ke Gane. 5-20 Ghulam Husain Khan. 5-35 Chand Khan. 5-0 Roshan Lal Bhatnagar. 6-25 Jamiiabai. 6-45 Raftar-e-Zamana. 7 Taron ki Jhankar. 7-15 For villagers only. 8 War inquiry. 8-15 Master Madan. 8-30 Dhol Ka Pol. 8-45 Pilu on Vichitra Veena. 9-30 B B C News relay. 9-45 Chand Khan. 9-55 Listening post. 10 Umrao Jan Ada.

Bombay I & II—Programme

244 metres (1,231 kc/s)
41.44 metres (7,240 kc/s)

7-30 to 7-50 a.m. As in Delhi 2. 7-50 News in Hindustani 8 News in English. 8-10 to 8-50 As in Delhi 2. 8-50 News in Marathi. 9 News in Gujarati. 9-10 to 9-20 As in Delhi 2. 9-20 Talk A.R.P.

244 metres (1,231 kc/s)
41.44 metres (7,240 kc/s)

12 noon to 12-57 p.m. As in Delhi 2. 12-57 News in Hindustani. 1 to 1-30 As in Delhi 2. 1-30 News in English. 1-35 to 2 As in Delhi 2.

244 metres (1,231 kc/s)
41.44 metres (7,240 kc/s)
From 7-30 Bombay 2 will operate on 60.46 metres (4,880 kc/s)

5 p.m. To-morrow. 5-5 to 5-15 Manmukhan Sarangi Solo. 5-15 to 5-30 Nisar Ahmed: Ghazal and Geet. 5.30 to 5-40 G. S. Yellapurkar: Bhavgeet. 5-40 News in Marathi. 5-45 News in Gujarati. 5-50 to 6-10 Mumtaz Husain: Gat Tora on Tabla. 6-10 News in Hindustani. 6-20 Local news and announcements. 6-25 Local news and announcements. 6-30 Children's half-hour. 7 Indian Recorded music. 7-15 to 7-30 As in Delhi 2. 7-30 Commercial news. 7-45 to 8 As in Delhi 2. 8 News in Marathi. 8-15 News in Gujarati. 8-30 Listeners' Letters. 8-45 Dot and Dash. 9 News in Hindustani. 9-15 News commentary in Hindustani. 9-20 News in English. 9-30 B B C News relay. 9-45 War commentary. 9-55 Listening post. 10 to 10-45 As in Delhi 2.

MAYORAL ELECTION
The Candidates

The Bombay Municipal Congress Party will meet on Saturday (to-day) at 6 p.m., to select its candidate for the Mayoralty.

The Municipal Corporation will meet on April 2 to elect the Mayor for the coming year. The last day for the filing of nomination papers is March 31.

This year the turn for the mayoralty being that of the Muslim community, there are four candidates in the running. One of them, Mr. Yusuf J. Meherally, belongs to the Congress Party and is now in a Punjab jail. Of the others in the field, Mr. M. I. Rowjee and Khan Bahadur Mahommed Ali Allabux, are no-party candidates. The fourth, Mr. M. M. Killedar is a member of the Muslim League.

Private advices received in Bombay indicate that Mr. Meherally's appeal will be heard in the Lahore High Court to-day and the belief that Mr. Meherally will be in Bombay on April 1, has strengthened the hands of those in the Congress Party who insist that he should be selected.

Attempts are likely to be made to avoid a decision on an open election, because such a decision might weaken the Party's morale and lend support to fissiparous tendencies. While the Party might deplore the communal voting which it could not break in the past it cannot now depart from such a procedure. The election of the Party's candidate is, therefore, according to present indications, the fundamental question on which discussion will be directed and a decision taken.

Mr. M. I. Rowjee, is a wealthy landlord and a prominent member of the Khoja Ismaili community and he generally voted with the Congress Party in the Municipal Corporation. Khan Bahadur Mahomedally Allabux, a member of the Bombay Legislative Assembly owes allegiance to no party in the Corporation. M. M. Killedar, also a member of the Legislative Assembly, was the leader of the Muslim League in the Corporation for some time and was also Chairman of the School's Committee for a year.

Telegrams To Andamans Suspended

Telegrams for Andaman Islands are suspended with immediate effect.

Talk Of The Suburbs

(BY A SUBURBAN MAN.)

Nearly 2,000 Muslims of Bandra celebrated "Pakistan Day" under the auspices of the Bandra Primary Muslim League.

The gathering assembled in an open piece of land near the Bandra Slaughter House along Ghodbunder Road.

Mr. Yusuf Peerbhoy, a Member of the Bandra Municipal Board and President of the Suburban District League Committee proposed Mian Mohamed to the chair.

Mr. Mirza Akhtar Hassan, M. L. A. explained the significance of "Pakistan". There were several other speakers.

BANDRA OPERA.

Local artistes I am told have been busy for quite a long time now and are on Monday, March 30, at 7 p.m. staging in St. Andrew's High School Hall an Opera that promises to get a crowded audience.

His Grace Dr. Thomas Roberts, S. J. Archbishop of Bombay will preside at this function and has even offered his Patronage. This Opera is entitled "Refugium Peccatorum" the English for which is "Refuge of Sinners". It is a religious drama and the full proceeds of this are to go towards a section of Archbishops Catechism College

BOMBAY PRESIDENCY INFANT WELFARE SOCIETY.—Sixth joint annual general meeting of Infant Welfare Society, Bombay Mofussil Maternity, Child Welfare and Health Council, Bombay Presidency Baby and Health Week Association and Bombay Branch of Baby and Health Week Association will be held at Sanitary Association Hall, Princess Street, at 11 a.m. to-day (Saturday) Lady Lumley will preside.

RASHTREEYA SWAYAM SEVA DAL: 'Volunteers to be present to-morrow (Sunday), at 6-30 a.m. at the Gymansium of "Bai Kabibai High School, Holi Chakla, Fort, for the parade. At 8 a.m. there will be the Flag Salutation at "A" Ward Office. Later assistance is required for the enroiment of volunteers for P.V.B."

NAGPUR, March 27.

The Central Provinces Government have made provision of funds for continuation of the Vidya Mandir schools during the year 1942-43.—United Press.

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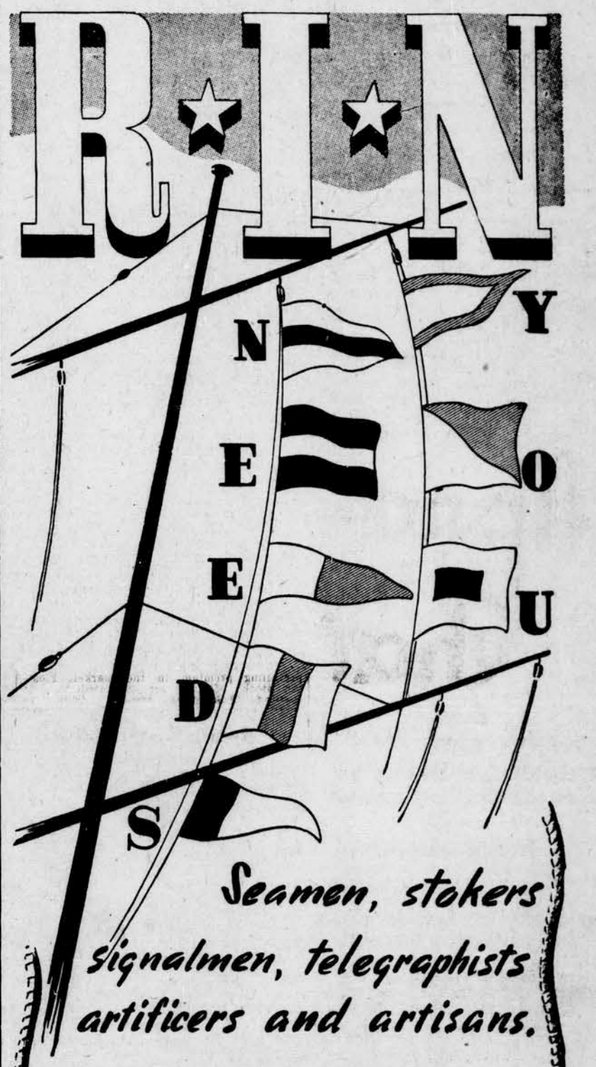

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War Risk Insurance For Immovable Property

The Committee of the Maharashtra Chamber of Commerce in their representation have urged upon Government of India to introduce a War Risk Insurance Scheme for immovable property as at present there is no provision whereby compensation is assured to the owners of such property. It is suggested that the scheme should be spread over as large an area as possible, including places having a certain minimum population and over, inorder that the premium should be reasonably low and that it should be worked for a period.

Government House News

BOMBAY, Friday.

The Governor of Madras attended by Mr. W. H. J. Crombie Secretary to the Governor left Government House Bombay.

The Governor of Bombay met representatives of the Press at the Secretariat in connection with the Budget for next year.

The Governor of Bombay accompanied by Lady Lumley presided at the Annual General Meeting of the Bombay Provincial Branch of the Indian Red Cross Society.

The Governor of Bombay and Lady Lumley dined with Mr. H. F. Knight.

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BOMBAY'S BUDGET

The Governor of Bombay submitted the Provincial Budget for 1942-43 to a Press Conference on Friday and expressed the hope that "it would be accepted as a prudent method of handling the finances of the Province." But the public have no option in the matter. Under the present autocratic regime they have got to accept it willy-nilly, whether or not it shows any signs of prudence. So far as the present year is concerned, it promises to end more satisfactorily than was expected at its beginning. The budget for the year provided for a nominal surplus of Rs. .65 lakh. But the revised estimates of revenue and expenditure based on the results of the first eight months show a surplus of Rs. 37.79 lakhs and the actual surplus may be even higher. The improvement is due mainly to a windfall in the shape of an unexpectedly larger share of the income-tax receipts distributed by the Central Government among the provinces, Bombay's share being Rs. 56.20 lakhs more than was expected at the time of the budget. Excise revenue also increased by 42.03 lakhs. But this could not be a windfall. It must have been the fruit of strenuous efforts to increase the revenue. The Budget Memorandum points out that an increase of Rs. 19 lakhs was earned by "increased consumption of country liquor, country fermented liquor and nemp and other drugs" and that an increase of Rs. 13 lakhs was the result of "increased sales of foreign liquor, manufactured at the Nasik Distillery." There is also a steady increase in the consumption of opium. The accounts for 1940-41 showed a revenue of Rs. 14.89 lakhs, the budget estimate for 1941-42 provided for Rs. 15.51 lakhs, while the revised estimates further increased the revenue to Rs. 16.09. Let it not be supposed that the Excise increases were the result of changes in the prohibition policy rendered necessary by the High Court decisions. Assuming that those decisions were the last word on the subject, the Governor has made it clear that an increase of only Rs. 4 lakhs "can be attributed to the changes made in prohibition policy in the year 1940-41."

No Appreciable Relief

Thanks to a free balance of Rs. 160.92 lakhs with which the present year is expected to close, the budget for the next year provides for a surplus of Rs. .98 lakh, an expenditure of Rs. 15,17.18 lakhs being balanced against a revenue of Rs. 15,18.16 lakhs. The small surplus, probably underestimated as last year, leaves no room for any appreciable relief in the tax burdens. But as there has been in the current year an increase of Rs. 4 lakhs in the Excise revenue on account of a relaxation of prohibition measures, it is proposed to give the benefit of the extra revenue to those who pay the Urban Immovable Property Tax. The rates of this tax were reduced at the commencement of the current year from 10 per cent to 8 per cent and from 5 per cent to 4 per cent. There will now be a slight further reduction in the rates, viz. from 8 per cent to 7 2/3 per cent and from 4 per cent to 3 5/6 per cent with effect from 1st April. But beyond this there is no relief from taxation, and, indeed, no relief need be expected during the war. As regards the expenditure for the next year, it is naturally dominated by war considerations. Thus an amount of Rs. 50 lakhs has been provided for civil defence and a further amount of Rs. 20 lakhs for other expenditure indirectly arising from the war. This is apart from an increase of Rs. 4.28 lakhs on the police force, on which there has already been an increase of Rs. 11.26 lakhs in the current year. Finally, as the Governor has warned the public, "we may have to spend a great deal more than the amount provided" for civil defence. The only consolation in this behalf is that beyond the first 50 lakhs of expenditure on this head for which the Province is exclusively responsible, the Central Government will bear a fair part of the burden. It is obvious that ultimately the people of the country as a whole will have to bear the burden.

Cut In Expenditure

On Education

So far as the beneficent activities of Government are concerned, they do not fare so badly as one might expect from "the limitations imposed by the need to give priority to war demands." The expenditure on these activities next year is estimated to be Rs. 19 lakhs more than the revised estimates of the current year. The provision for "Medical and Public Health" is Rs. 112.44 lakhs as against the revised estimates of Rs. 102.57 lakhs for the current year. Similarly there is fairly increased provision for Minor Irrigation Works Agriculture, etc. But it is disappointing to see that the provision for Education is Rs .77 lakhs less than the revised estimates for the current year. So vast is the ground to be covered by free compulsory education that an addition of only Rs. 25,000 to the current year's grant of one lakh for this purpose cannot be said to be sufficient or generous. Small increases are provided for various items under the head of Education. But this almost looks like window-dressing in view of the reduction from the total revised estimate of Rs. 208.53 for the current year to Rs. 207.76 lakhs, the provision for the next year. It is proposed to add during the course of the next year a sum of Rs. 20 lakhs to the Special Development Fund, thus bringing it to the large figure of Rs. 246.66 lakhs, and the programme of development is spread over several years. But it is hardly sound development to pile up funds for the future while making a cut in the expenditure on Education. We do not see any justification for the reduction. On the contrary there is a good case for considerable increase in educational expenditure.

Facing Facts

Mr. Churchill addressed his fellow-Conservatives at their annual meeting in terms of a grim, if not gloomy, warning. He related frankly the tale of disasters in 1941 which was like him. But were all of them unavoidable? Greece and Crete and, therefore, also General Wavell's retreat from Cyrenaica were, perhaps, inevitable The semi-fiasco of General Auchinleck's subsequent offensive deserves more sympathy than criticism. As for the Battle of the Atlantic it was inevitable that with its extension to the Western Hemisphere it should take an unfavourable turn. It is, however, encouraging to note that the Premier pointedly emphasized its temporary nature.

But what about the Far East? It is possible to make some allowance for British unpreparedness on the basis of the explanation offered by Mr. Churchill about British preoccupations elsewhere. But it is not possible to accept the tragedies of the British warships, and of Singapore as unavoidable. They need not have occurred as they did. They are not so much a credit to Japan as due to British authorities themselves. "Singapore", said Mr. Churchill, "has been the scene of the greatest disaster to British arms which our history records." In this very admission is implicit also the tragic truth: Singapore did not fall in nine days only because of Japanese skill, strength and determination. Some one in authority or rather a set of people in authority committed blunder after blunder the consequences of which are by no means at an end yet. For the latest instances we have only to read about the Andamans and Burma. One observation that Mr. Churchill made about Japan is highly interesting. He emphasised that Japan was powerful in "outfit" not "output". This distinction means that Japan's war potential is too poor for a prolonged first class war. This is true, but it is material to the struggle only if first, the Japanese are held now and secondly they are not allowed to exploit their gains. Both require more efforts on the part of the United Nations than are being put up now.

Wafd Comes Back

After years in the wilderness, the Wafd has come back into its own by securing a thumping majority in the Egyptian elections. One cannot help recalling how the Wafdists were swept away during the last elections by unsavoury methods, nor can one help recalling how the British press and politicians welcomed the exit of Egypt's only popular party. If that had not happened, some of the troubles that Britain has had to face in Egypt might have been avoided. In any case we are glad to learn that British statesmanship has changed its policy and that Sir Miles Lampson is trying to maintain friendly relations with Nahas Pasha. It will pay the British to be friends with a man who is both Egypt's Premier and her undisputed leader. He will, we are sure, carry out in letter and spirit the Anglo-Egyptian Treaty provided the British also reciprocate in the same manner.

Frankly Speaking

R. A. F. Over Germany

After a lull of over a week the R.A.F. again visited Germany's industrial centre, the Ruhr, on Wednesday night in great forces. Hundreds of British bombers, some of them of the heaviest type, are stated to have taken part in the raids and there can be no doubt that the very weight of the attack must have caused fairly heavy damage. The raiders lost eleven bombers which is a slight loss considering the numbers engaged and considering, moreover, that the Ruhr is strongly protected by ground defences and night fighters. This raid was followed up by a day light attack on shipping in Le Havre. Even apart from whatever material damage they might have inflicted, the R.A.F. scored a notable success by shooting down eight German fighters for the loss of one bomber and two fighters—incidentally, they also avenged the result of a previous sweep in which the R.A.F. lost seven, as against two German, fighters. All this is quite gratifying provided the air offensive is pressed against Germany actually non-stop. Spring is already beginning and the Russians are entitled to every possible assistance from their Allies regardless of cost and regardless of "unfavourable" weather.

It Affects All

In a balanced statement on "Scorched Earth" Mr. G. L. Mehta, President, Federation of the Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industries, does well to point out that this policy affects, not merely businessmen, but also the public as a whole. If the factories destroyed by the "scorched earth" policy are insured, the properties may recover the losses. But till the factories are replaced, which must take a very long time in the present circumstances, thousands of workers will be unemployed, not to mention the dislocation of industry as a whole. It is, therefore, necessary, as Mr. Mehta points out, that "it is the long term economic interests of the country that should weigh with the authorities who should not agree to any hasty adoption of measures which might sacrifice the permanent economic interests of the country for any temporary strategic advantages."

Where The Trouble Lies

The point is, not that there is no occasion for a legitimate use of the "scorched earth" policy, but that the greatest caution is to be exercised in determining its scope. And the Indian commercial community feels, with Mr. Mehta, that "there is no guarantee that in the absence of National control over the Defence policy of the country, the authorities would exercise that circumspection and act with that sympathetic understanding which can be expected from a Government deriving its power and strength from the people of the country." The public as a whole can have full confidence only in a National Government responsible to them.

A Journal Of Social Work

The March number of the "Indian Journal of Social Work", the quarterly journal of the Sir Dorabji Tata Graduate School of Social Work, Byculla, contains several instructive articles of great practical interest. The pride of place is justly given to Mr. J. C. Kumarappa's article on "The Gandhian Approach to Planned Economy", which shows that in our economic reconstruction we must not ignore the fundamental and abiding elements in the genius and culture of our people. As against the Gandhian approach, which eliminates the machine to a large extent, there as an article on "A case for Industrialisation of India" by Dr. Behram H. Mehta, who, while pleading for industrialisation, also suggests ways to rid it of its evils and enhance its service to man. This number also reproduces "The Child in India" from Mr. R. P. Masani's article on "Story of the Society for the Protection of Children in Western India". Other notable articles are "Communalism—A Sociological Analysis" by Dr. P. M. Titus and "Do We Really Want to Keep Them in a Zoo?"—an article on the care of the aboriginals—by Mr. Verrier Elwin.

Tokyo's New Diplomacy

Special Japanese Minister To Vatican

TOKYO, March 27.

The appointment as special Japanese Minister of Ken Harada to the Vatican is officially announced

This is the first time that Japan has sent a diplomatic representative to the Vatican. The information Board's spokesman explained that exactly this does not mean the opening of formal diplomatic relations, though it amounted to 'de facto' diplomatic relations. The spokesman added that the Apostolic Delegate Paul Marella who had been in Japan since 1937, would receive full diplomatic privileges.—Reuter.

"Daily Mirror" Case

Proposal To Suppress London Journal Denounced In Commons & Lords

LONDON, March 27.

The warning recently given by the Home Secretary, Mr. Morrison, to the newspaper "Daily Mirror" was discussed in both Houses of Parliament on Thursday.

In the Commons the Liberal Mr. Wilfred Roberts, maintained that Government was increasingly encroaching on the freedom of the press, though a Free Press was a vital part of a Free Parliament. Mr. Roberts said that the "Daily Mirror" had been charged with irresponsibility and sensationally criticising the Government with reckless indifference to the national cause.

It was not the Government which should judge such an issue, but the courts. To suppress a newspaper for such criticism would do far more damage to national 'morale' than sarcastic, pungent articles in the "Daily Mirror."

Mr. Aneurin Bevan (Labour) accused the Government of using the war as an excuse for invading the rights of the press

LIVER PILLS FOR MANAGEMENT

Mr. A. P. Herbert (Independent) condemned the "Daily Mirror" articles and suggested that what the "Daily Mirror's" management needed was a box of liver pills every morning.

Labourite Mr. A. G. Walkden defended Mr. Morrison against the charge of being a dictator and claimed that he had shown restraint.

The Conservative, Sir Ralph Glyn, asked: "What right would the Home Secretary have to lock up anyone under Regulation 18B if he allowed one man with the pen to do infinitely more harm to more people through a newspaper?"

Labourite Mr. Barnes maintained that the Home Secretary's action was a breach of previous undertakings.

MORRISON'S DEFENCE

Mr. Morrison replying pointed out that Government had offered to provide a full day's debate with the opportunity for a division on the subject, but the critics had accepted the offer.

As to the contention that action in such cases should be taken under another Regulation involving prosecution of a newspaper, Mr. Morrison said that this involved a slow and clumsy procedure unsuited to the war time.

"It is an impossible argument that newspapers have the right to do exactly what they like even to imperilling the State itself. In this case the newspaper has done things which no decent member of this House is going to defend."

Mr. Morrison said that it was remarkable fact and credit to the British press that since the outbreak of war only one newspaper had been suppressed—one that was openly anti-war.

NO ATTACK ON FREEDOM

Denying that his action was an attack on the freedom of the press or that the Government had the slightest desire to interfere with the legitimate and proper liberty of the press, Mr. Morrison argued that some of the "Daily Mirror" articles and criticisms had been calculated to undermine 'morale'. It was Government's duty to take action against any newspaper conducting itself in such a way as to promote opposition to the successful conduct of the war.

Mr. Morrison added that if the "Daily Mirror" continued its "pernicious line" it would be suppressed. It had been much less objectionable since the warning, however, and the Government had the right to expect the press to conduct itself in a responsible spirit.

CONTRARY TO TRADITIONS

The Independent Mr. Hore-Belisha, former War Secretary, said: "Suppression emanates not from confidence but from fear. Great men do not suppress. It is contrary to the traditions of our public life."

The Home Secretary's action might have the opposite effect to what he intended, added Mr. Hore-Belisha.

Labourite Mr. Bellinger argued that if Mr. Morrison thought that these articles were subversive he would be failing in his duty if he did not proceed against their authors at once. "It is because some believe that he did not approach the matter in a judicial frame of mind that we are raising this case.

Mr. Morrison is acting as a stooge for more powerful people behind him—the Prime Minister in particular and the Minister of Labour." The Prime Minister had shown resentment of criticism, added Mr. Bellinger.

The Commons debate which took place on an adjournment motion concluded without a division.

IN THE LORDS

In the Lords, Lord Nathan said that the "Daily Mirror" cartoon was illconceived and most deplorable, but if the paper had offended against the law let it be brought to the arbitration of the law, warned, and if need be, prosecuted.

Lord Nathan argued that the power of arbitrary suppression should not be even threatened save in some grave emergency to deal with serious delinquency. Constant criticism was of immense importance for correcting blunders and stimulating efficiency.

Winding up the debate, the Lord Chancellor said that nobody seriously imagined that the Government were attacking the freedom of the press. "It must be made plain that the Government do not retract from their position in this matter in the very least. We will certainly use this power if matter arises in which it becomes necessary to do so."—Reuter.

Concessions To Income-Tax Assessees

Payment In Instalments: Relief For Sufferers From Enemy Action

NEW DELHI, March 27.

"Income-tax officers should treat these assessees sympathetically. They should be given ample time in which to supply any information required by the Income-Tax officer and the question of imposing penalties on them for default should not arise save in very exceptional cases." Thus observes a circular to Income-Tax officers issued by the Central Board of Revenue giving certain concessions, with a view to giving relief to assessees who have suffered from enemy action, regarding the collection of tax on incomes from sources in Burma, Malaya, Indo-China and other countries in the Far East occupied by the enemy.

These concessions are as follows:—

(1) Assessment proceedings in respect of the incomes in question for 1941-42 and earlier years are to be continued and completed.

(2) For assessment year subsequent to 1941-42, even though the assessee's previous year ended on a date before the territory in question was occupied by the enemy, no attempt should be made to assess income from sources in such territory. Such income can be assessed later under section 34. Income from sources outside such territory will continue to be assessed and tax will continue to be collected in the usual way.

(3) In the cases of chettiars when account books are not available, copies of accounts sent by agents will be accepted as compliance with the notice calling for accounts.

(4) Further collection of taxes on all income—remitted or unremitted—which accrued in these territories in the previous year for the 1941-42 assessment shall be postponed during the period of the war.

(5) As regards assessment years prior to 1941-42 no attempt should be made for the present to collect tax on the income in question. Lists of such cases should be submitted to the Board by commissioners with their recommendations as to stay of collection, having regard to the fact that the object is to avoid causing hardship to assessees.

(6) In order to assure that the collection of tax held in abeyance under these orders will not become time-barred under section 46 (7) payment should be allowed in two instalments—the first payable two years from the date of assessment and the second six months later. The time limit in section 46 (7) will count from the date of the second instalment.—A. P

TÊTE-À-TÊTE

WITHOUT COMMENT—

LISBON, March 26.

The Portuguese forces which left Portuguese East Africa for Timor have arrived at Marmogao in Portuguese India. They are waiting there for the situation in Timor to be cleared before proceeding to their destination.—Reuter.

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Mr. Savarkar, the Mahasabha chief, will meet Sir Stafford Cripps accompanied by Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukerjee and Dr. Moonje.

But suppose Sir Stafford asks Dr. Mukerjee about the loose Federation suggested by the Honourable Minister's colleague, Mr. A. K. Fazlul Haq, and his Progressive Party?

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Mr. P. N. Rajbhoj, President of the All-India Harijan Political Conference, suggests that in addition to Messrs. Ambedkar and Raja a few more depressed class leaders from different provinces should be invited to meet Sir Stafford Cripps.

We fully concur.

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It is reported that Sir Stafford Cripps came down the steps to open the door of the car for Mahatma Gandhi.

Sir Stafford had better make a note of this when Mr. Jinnah visits him.

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According to a Calcutta message, two revolvers and twenty-four live cartridges have been stolen from the Intelligence Branch Police quarters.

We admire the sense of humour of the audacious thieves.

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The British Government has taken new measures for stricter censorship upon the despatch of press messages abroad.

Which, of course, reminds us of a story—even though you have heard it before—belonging to the hectic days of the aerial blitz on Britain.

An American correspondent filed a message reporting a heavy raid on the Thames estuary area. On the censor objecting, the correspondent offered to substitute "Amazon" for "Thames."

The censor passed the amended message.

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According to a Chinese spokesman, the enemy has received reinforcements of 150 planes in Burma.

As to reinforcements for the Anglo-Chinese side, they are coming, they are coming.

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In explanation of the heavy raid on the Ruhr, "on Wednesday night", it is emphasised, "the weather was more favourable for R. A. F. operations."

It is, of course, also an apology in advance.

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Raiding Malta on Wednesday with a force of thirty aircraft the Germans are believed to have had half the number destroyed or damaged.

That, we hope, does provide some soothing balm to the soul of Il Duce.

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"I want a collar for my husband."

"Yes, madam; what size does he take?"

"H'm I'd forgotton that. I think I can find out through. Measure my hands. I can just manage to get them round his throat."

Budget Estimates For 1942-'43

To The Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—The Finance Member's Budget estimates for 1942-43 have been generally well received. The most significant feature is the Defence expenditure budgeted at Rs. 133 crores out of a total revenue of Rs. 140 crores, and even this figure is likely to be exceeded with the war approaching India. The new measures of taxation are less than generally expected. The Excess Profits tax which many people expected to be raised to 75 per cent. has been kept at the same figure, while the lower middle classes getting an income of less than Rs. 2,000 are to be taxed. The fixed wage earners, who are already hard hit by the general rise in prices, are to be made to pay the income tax, when they can hardly make both ends meet with the rise in prices of all necessaries of life. Neither this class nor the other classes who are allowed the option to invest in defence borrowings will be able to contribute much to defence borrowings and it is equally unlikely that any joint stock companies and parties paying Excess Profits tax will take advantage of the Finance Member's new scheme to attract moneys from these quarters for defence borrowings. The only way to make these classes contribute to defence loans was to raise the excess profits tax with a condition to refund a part of this increase at the end of the war. Perhaps the Finance Member has reserved this for the next budget or a supplementary budget. It is not the poorer of middle classes who are indulging in increased purchases of consumption goods, but the classes who are receiving higher dividends of the various mills and factories benefiting by the big war orders and decreased imports. The textile mills especially are doing much better than expected and are paying handsome dividends even after meeting higher costs taxes, and wages. One would like to know if any and how many of these companies are helping tthe Government finances by investing in defence loans a part of their profits. The money spent by the Government of India on supply and war orders should find its way again to the Government either in taxes or loans, as it does in Great Britain. If it does not, the Finance Member must find ways and methods of getting most of it back both to ease the ways and means position of the Government of India as also the budget deficit, and avoid inflation.

The surcharge on import duties should have been levied only on non-essential goods and not all imports, as rise in prices of all goods like Kerosene will adversely affect the masses in India.

The Finance Member will have to find most of the Rs. 35 crores of borrowings from the Treasury Bills, as the gilt-edged market is not at all favourable for launching a new loan, nor is it likely to be so in near future.

The budget estimates do not give any details of the two big amounts of Rs. 200 crores this year and Rs. 400 crores next year, being the help extended by the British Government to the Government of India. But as the British Government must bear the cost of maintenance of the prisoners of war in India and the cost of provisions and supplies of the Indian Forces fighting outside India, the real help to the Indian Government is reduced materially and is much less than these amounts.

On the whole, the Indian finances have stood the strain of the war fairly well and have exhibited strength and resilience which few could have expected at the start of the war. This is mainly due to huge war orders both for India and outside and consequent increased business activity as also the magnificent contribution of the Indian Railways to the general revenues. Had it not been for this substantial contribution by Indian Railways the taxation would have been doubtless much heavier than what it has been.

But the most important point is that there is absolute lack of popular control over this vast war expenditure and even no information is vouchsafed about the details of the same.—Yours, etc.,

R. J. MANEKSHAW.

Our Readers' Views

Cripps' Mission

To The Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—What sort of people do they think are we? This question has to be answered now. With the Japanese knocking at our doors and shadow of the black eagle on our shores are we still to wait to yield to the conditions to be given to us by the British Government.

There is no time for conditions and the British Cabinet knows that well and the Indian problem must be solved at once, not by Mr. Churchill, Mr. Amery or Mr. Cripps but by the Indian people themselves.

I appeal to the Congress the Muslim League and other bodies to co-operate in this vital moment and make the "Indian Voice" one.

Though Pakistan may seem the only solution from the Muslim point of view, this is no time for Pakistan or Akhand Hindustan. This is the time for "Indian stan" and Muslims, Hindus, Parsis be it anyone must co-operate to reach India's goal "Freedom."

With the Muslim League crying at the top of its voice for the rights of Muslims and the Mahasabha for the Hindus we cannot get anywhere. We must stop that Churchill-Amery lullaby, "Unite yourself first and then will give you freedom."

I do not understand the policy of the British Government. Even when the Japanese are hanging round our corners, and they themselves are facing the most critical situation in Europe, they want conditions from us for our freedom. What sort of people do they think are we? I fail to imagine how they can afford to spare a man like Sir Stafford Cripps outside England. Is his visit going to be another waste-paper basket visit? Or is it going to produce results? Time alone can answer.—Yours, etc.,

ISMAIL M. MEER.

The Mother-Tongue

To The Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—"One language only holds the key to our emotions; one language only conveys to us, surely and instinctively, the subtler overtones of suggestion which its words possess. That is the language that we used at our mother's knee; the language of our first prayers and our first spontaneous outbursts of joy or grief. To make any other the vehicle of education is not merely to add immeasurably to the pupil's labour; it is to lame his mind in its freedom of movement,"—thus observes Mr. H. N. Brailsford, the well-known English writer and thinker. It is impossible to improve upon this passionate appeal for the introduction of the mother-tongue medium.

It is startling to know that about fifty per cent. of students fail at University examinations in India. No other country in the world perhaps, can be accused of such criminal waste of national energy. A few cynical educationists have tried to account for this waste by underrating the average intelligence of the Indian youngmen as compared with the English and European students. No argument could be more vicious and mischievous. Scores of even English educationists have borne testimony to the fact that the Indian student is in no way inferior, and is even superior in some respects, to his English class-fellows in the British Universities. Our youngmen have to work under a great handicap of learning through a foreign tongue. The Hartog Committee estimated that an Indian student has to devote one-third of his time to the study of English alone. And yet fifty per cent fail in their examinations because they are stupid enough not to be able to master the 'heaven-born' Engl language.—Yours, etc.,

Wardha. S. N. AGARWAL.

"Gandhiji's Appeal To Jinnah"

To The Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—Mr. Jinnah, instead of finding fault with the paper, which published the abusive statement regarding Hinduism, tries to justify it by saying that the statement is from a Hindu paper. Assuming that it is true, in what way does it justify republication?

Suppose a Hindu paper republishes from a Muslim weekly a statement abusive of Islam in the like manner. If in such a case Mr. Jinnah were to ask Gandhiji his opinion, I am confident enough that Gandhiji would surely find fault with the Hindu paper. There lie, the friendly attitude —Yours, etc.,

K. KRISHNAMURTY.

Analysis Of Pakistan

To The Editor of The "Chronicle."

Sir,—Permit me to set forth my analysis of Pakistan through the esteemed columns of the "Bombay Chronicle" with a view to convey to the opponents of the Pakistan that this is the only solution of the Muslim political problem in India. I shall be glad to be corrected if any of your Muslim readers can prove this analysis as unsound.

	Pakistan	United India
1.	A Muslim State	A Hindu State.
2.	Freedom from the tyranny of the Hindu majority.	No freedom from the tyranny of the Hindu majority.
3	Safety of Muslim language, culture and religious institutions.	No safety of Muslim language culture and religious institutions.
4	Solidarity of the Islamic world.	Everlasting menace to Islamic world.
5	End of communal bigotry and suspicion; and growth of Hindu-Muslim unity.	Firmness of communal bigotry suspicion and disunity.
6	Complete independence for Pakistan and Hindu India resulting from united struggle by Hindus and Muslims against Imperialism.	No chance of liberation from imperialism owing to discontentment and non-co-operation of Muslim minority.
7	End of traitors.	No end of traitors.
8	Solid guarantees of justice to minorities in administration and in social and economic fields.	No security from injustice to minorities in administration and in social and economic fields.
9	Bright future for Pan-Islamic Federation.	No chance for Pan-Islamic Federation.
10	Refuge for the Muslims in Hindu India in case of religious persecution.	No refuge for the Muslims in case of religious persecution.
11	Reciprocity of treatment a check to religious persecution.	No check to religious persecution.
12	Improvement in the economic status of the Muslims.	Perpetuation of the general deterioration of the economic status of the Muslims.
13	End of social vices such as games of chance, drinking, licentiousness, extravagance, capitalism and usury.	No end to social vices conceivable.
14	Islamic mode of living for the Muslims.	Islamic mode of living impossible.

—Yours, etc

SAIFULLAH.

14 JAP PLANES DESTROYED OVER NEW GUINEA

FIERCE ENEMY RAIDS ON CORREGIDOR: PORT MORESBY HAS 20th AIR ATTACK

CANBERRA, March 27.

Emergency control has been extended over the whole of northern territory, in which Port Darwin lies.

This is announced by a proclamation in the Commonwealth Gazette. Hitherto, only some coastal areas of the territory have been under military control.—Reuter.

Quezon And MacArthur

WASHINGTON: A War Department 'communique' states: "AUSTRALIA: President Quezon and members of the War Cabinet o the Philippines Commonwealth Government have joined General MacArthur in Australia. Since the beginning of the War President Quezon occupied Joint Headquarters with General MacArthur and carried on the functions of the Government of the Commonwealth in close co-operation with the General. With the approval of the American and Australian Governments these arrangements are continuing.

ON PHILIPPINE FRONT

During the past 24 hours enemy bombers made seven successive attacks on Corregidor. On March 23 the fortified island was bombed almost continuously from early morning until midnight. A short lull occurred about sunset. Raids in the afternoon and at night decreased in intensity. Most of the bombs fell in the Bay and those that struck the island did little damage. Our anti-aircraft fire is believed to have hit several enemy planes. Early to-day, the aerial attack on our fortifications was resumed.

Clashes In Bataan

In Bataan, there were a number of sharp clashes between patrols. There were troops and truck movements behind enemy lines which indicates that increased activity may be expected. One of our patrols successfully raided a strong enemy position. Japanese divebombers attacked our rear but without success. Nothing to report in other areas."

20th Raid On Port Moresby

CANBERRA: Mr. Curtin announced that this morning's raid against Fort Moresby was the twentieth attack. The raid was directed mainly against the aerodrome. He added that neither casualties nor damage is reported.

Mr. Curtin added: "Two of our fighters intercepted and brought down a Japanese bomber. One pilot set one engine on fire with two bursts and the other pilot then got two bursts setting fire to the bombers remaining engine. The enemy aircraft crashed flaming."

Battle For New Guinea

SYDNEY: The latest news from New Guinea says that the Japanese moved up the Makham Valley towards Mabzab, 27 miles from Lae, where there is a big mission station surrounded by a big area capable of providing a dozen aeroplanes by simply cutting the grass. The Japanese made only one sortie from the valley leading to wild country where Australian patrols bar the way.

The Japanese forces now at Salamaua are reported not to be strong.

Meanwhile, the Australians enthusiastically greeted the news that the most modern American fighter planes manned by the R.A.A.F. are now in action in New Guinea where the R.A.A.F. is demonstrating an efficiency equal to top-rank squadrons overseas. These participated in the raid on Lae on March 22 when 20 Japanese bombers and fighters were destroyed on the ground. An Australian fighter pilot elsewhere shot down two Japanese bombers.

14 Jap Planes Destroyed

NEW YORK, March 27.

It is revealed here to-day that American pilots flying fast new planes, just arrived from the United States destroyed at least 14 Japanese planes in the battle over Lei, New Guinea last Sunday.

Twelve of the Japanese warplanes were shot down in the air while two more were destroyed on the ground. Later on, these same new planes attacked two Japanese bombers which were left falling in flames.—Reuter.

U. S. & Australian Planes Raid Koepang

CANBERRA, March 27.

The United States and Australian air force bombers braved hazardous weather to raid Koepang on March 26 according to a Communique issued by the Prime Minister, Mr. Curtin.

The Communique adds that bombers attacked shipping and other targets.

A U. S. Navy Department Communique announced that an American freighter collided with and sank what was presumably an enemy submarine in Caribbean on February eighteenth. The freighter crashed into a partly submerged object and members of the crew heard an explosion presumably of a torpedo and men screaming but no survivors were found after a ten-hour search.

The freighter was running without lights and running down the submarine is described as a pure accident.

MISSING AIRCRAFT RETURNS

CANBERRA: A 'communique' says "the Allied aircraft reported missing in the combined operation on Koepang has now returned to its base."

Japs Drive Wedge Into Chinese Lines At Toungoo

BITTER FIGHTING FOR AERODROME GOING ON: ENEMY MOPPED UP AT ONE POINT

NEW DELHI, Mar. 27.

A Burma Headquarter 'communique' says:

IRRAWADDY FRONT: No reports have yet been received of contact with enemy columns mentioned in yesterday's 'communique'. On the main road there is no contact north of Okpo.

Enemy aircraft have been active in the River area. A town was bombed on the afternoon of March 24 and some shipping was hit. Our anti-aircraft defences reacted vigorously and claimed two hits.

CHINESE EXPEDITIONARY FORCES FRONT. Severe enemy pressure continues around Toungoo particularly from the north west. Enemy bombing continued whole day in flights of ten planes. North of the town the Japanese leading column are still at Kyungon.

AIR: During recent heavy raids on an aerodrome in Central Burma R.A.F. aircraft defences brought down one fighter and one bomber.

Associated Press special correspondent with the Allied forces in Burma writes (delayed):

Concentrating all their strength on the Toungoo front, leaving the Irrawaddy front virtually static the Japanese have succeeded in driving a dangerous wedge round and behind the Chinese positions in Toungoo where the position is officially admitted to be serious.

Creeping round to the rearward of the Chinese forces the Japanese have succeeded in capturing an aerodrome six miles north of Toungoo. Bitter fighting is now taking place for the possession of the aerodrome.

Almost simultaneously Jap patrols, some disguised in plain clothes supported by cavalry, cut the Toungoo-Mandalay Road at two points, about 20 miles north of Toungoo.

At one point a Jap party was dislodged and mopped up but fighting is still proceeding at the other point.

In the coming operations success or failure will depend largely **on air support.** That the Japanese realise this, is shown by their repeated attacks on our aerodromes and the fact that they have brought considerable air reinforcements.

Much of the course of the future events will depend on the ability of the R. A. F. and A. V. G. to deal with the Japs' air menace.

It now appears that the Japanese broad strategy is to separate the Chinese and the Imperial forces by hitting hard first at the Chinese on the Toungoo front.

Despite the arrival of substantial well trained Chinese forces in Burma, THERE IS NO DISPOSITION TO MINIMISE THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE JAP THREAT TO THE WHOLE OF LOWER BURMA

That they are out to make a determined bid first to shatter the Chinese forces and then to deal with the Imperial troops cannot be doubted.—A. P.

'WE WILL WIN OR DIE,' SAYS MACARTHUR

CANEERRA, March 27.

Speaking at a parliamentary private dinner General MacArthur declared that his faith in ultimate victory was invincible. "There can be no compromise. We shall win or die. To this end I pledge you the full resources, all the mighty power of my country and all the blood of my countrymen."

Before leaving the House of Representatives General MacArthur said, "I am deeply moved with the warmth of the greeting to me extended by all Australia.

Australian hospitality is proverbial all over the world, and your reception has far exceeded anything I could have anticipated. Although this is my first trip to Australia I already feel at home."

General MacArthur stated that a free man's military code embraces right things and condemns wrong things. Under its banner the world's free men are united to-day.—Reuter.

BATTLE FOR BURMA

Reinforcements Reach Chinese In Toungoo

CHUNGKING, March 27.

Reinforcements have reached the Chinese in Toungoo.

LONDON: The main Japanese attack on Burma at present is up the Toungoo road, it was stated in authoritative circles in London to-day.

The situation is described as serious with some Chinese forces surrounded but in the north, the Japanese are also surrounded to some extent by the Chinese.

The issue will depend largely on the size of the various forces and the relative speed with which the Japanese and Chinese can bring up reinforcements.

The attack along the Tungoo road is accompanied by an attempted advance by the Japanese up the Prome road and along the Irrawaddy river but it is not known whether the latter is by boats or along the river banks. The Japanese are probably using both water and land.

In all these operations the Japanese are apparently using a series of small columns. Reuter.

LEADERS FOR DELHI: TO SEE CRIPPS

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vitation was extended to Dr. Khan Sahib as an ex-Premier.

The Governor of the North-West Frontier Province after meeting Sir Stafford Cripps at New Delhi returned here last night.

Saadulla For Delhi

SHILLONG, March 27.

The 'United Press' learns that Sir Mahammad Saadulla, ex-Premier of Assam, has received a telegram inviting him to see Sir Stafford Cripps on or before March 30.

Accordingly he is leaving for Delhi to-day reaching there on March 29. He will interview Sir Stafford on March 30.

HINDU SABHA EXECUTIVE

CALCUTTA, March 27.

On receipt of a message from Mr. V. D. Savarkar, President of the All-India Hindu Mahasabha, Mr. N. C. Chatterjee, Working President of the Bengal Provincial Hindu Mahasabha, and Mr. Asutosh Lahiry, M. L. A., Secretary of the All-India Hindu Mahasabha, left for Delhi this afternoon to attend the meeting of the Working Committee of the Mahasabha to be held on March 29 when Sir Stafford Cripps' proposals will be discussed

Justice Delegation To Cripps

MADRAS, March 27.

The Working Committee of the Justice Party met to-day and considered the invitation from the Secretary to Sir Stafford Cripps to send four delegates nominated by the Party to see Sir Stafford Cripps. The Committee resolved to send the following delegation:—

Mr. E. V. Ramaswami Naicker, Leader of the Justice Party, Kumararajan Sir Muthiah Chettiar of Chittinad, Leader of Opposition, Madras Assembly, Mr. N. R. Samiappa Mudaliar, Leader of Opposition, Madras Legislative Council.

The fourth name is to be announced later.

The delegation will leave for Delhi to-morrow.

Indian Christians To Place Views

LAHORE, March 27.

Sir Stafford Cripps, it is understood, has invited Mr. F. D'Souza, M. L. A (Central) to meet him with two other representatives of the All India Council of Indian Christians. The Council has selected Sir Maharaj Singh, Dr. B. S. Ram Chander Rao (Madras) and Mr. B. L. Rallia ram (Punjab) to represent the case of the Indian Christians to Sir Stafford Cripps. The interview is expected to take place on March 28 or 29

Sir Maharaj Singh

LUCKNOW, March 27.

Raja Sir Maharaj Singh, who will lead the Indian Christian deputation to Sir Stafford Cripps, is not leaving to-day, as arranged earlier due to indisposition. It is learnt that he will leave for Delhi in a day or two.

PRINCES AND MINISTERS CONFER

The Special Committee of Princes and Ministers met yesterday at Bikaner House to consider the constitutional proposals which Sir Stafford Cripps communicated to the Cancellor yesterday morning.

The conference deliberated for over three hours and resumed discussion to-day.

It is believed that the entire Committee will meet Sir Stafford Cripps either to-morrow or the day after and some of the individual members of the Committee might separately meet Sir Stafford for further elucidation of the proposals. Strict reticence is observed in Princes circles as regards the proposals and their reaction to them.

HUQ AND MUKHERJEE LEAVE FOR DELHI

Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee, Working President of the All-India Hindu Mahasabha, on receipt of an urgent message from Sir Stafford Cripps, left Calcutta for Delhi by the Toofan Express today.

Mr. A K. Fazlul Huq, Chief Minister, accompanied by Mr. Surendranath Biswas, Member of the Assembly and Government Whip, leaves for Delhi tonight by the Delhi Mail.

Dr. Prafulla Chandra Ghosh, Member of the Congress Working Committee, leaves Calcutta for Delhi tomorrow by the Toofan Express to attend the meeting of the Congress Working Committee called by Maulana Azad on March 29.

FEW MORE HARIJAN LEADERS SHOULD MEET CRIPPS

The opinion that a few more depressed class leaders from different provinces should be invited to meet Sir Stafford Cripps to appraise him with correct political condition of the Harijan community was expressed by Mr. P. N Rajbhoj, President of the All-India Harijan Political Conference, in the course of a statement to the press.

The condition of the Harijan, said Mr. Rajbhoj, differed in different provinces and their position was similar to that of the Mohamedans. The Depressed Class, he added, had been loyal participants in the war efforts from beginning and their cases deserved close attention.—A. P. & United Press.

STATES PEOPLES' EXECUTIVE MEETING

ALLAHABAD, March 27.

In view of the demand made on behalf of several members of the Standing Committee of the All-India States' People's Conference, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, President, has called an emergent meeting of the Committee at Delhi on March 31. Pandit Nehru hopes that members of the Committee will take this notice in the press as sufficient notice of the meeting.—United Press.

"Cripps Must Meet Sarat Bose"

CALCUTTA, March 27.

The view that for a solution of the present political impasse in India and in order to have a correct appreciation of these problems as also to prepare the province of Bengal for any emergency, Sir Stafford Cripps should meet Mr. Sarat Chandra Bose, "who alone is competent to represent Bengal", was expressed in a resolution adopted at a meeting of the Executive Council of the Suspended Bengal Provincial Congress Committee held to-day.—A. P.

RED THRUST ON MURMANSK

Large-Scale Offensive Launched

STOCKHOLM, March 27.

The Russians are using in the Arctic Ocean a new type of small submarine which is proving very successful, according to a Moscow report published here. At least ten German transports have been sunk off north Norway recently, it is reported. One of the sinkings was a particularly serious loss for the Germans as the ship carried 30,000 sheepskins.

Soviet forces have launched a large scale attack on the Murmansk Front to delay German preparations for the Spring, according to a Moscow report received here to-day. The Soviet troops which include artillery, have made several landings on the Arctic Coast in the German rear causing great confusion and inflicting losses on the Germans. The Red Navy co-operated.

The Germans replying with heavy air attacks lost thirteen planes.

In the Staraya Russa area the Red Army has attacked in force from a new quarter—this time across ice on lake Ilmen—and now stands on the northern edge of the town.

On Central Front

MOSCOW: To maintain their advance of the past few days Soviet units in a sector of the Central Front have captured ten inhabited places in the teeth of stern opposition. These areas included a village where the Germans had built 18 pill boxes and formed 32 additional firing points. The Germans lost heavily in men. They are using medium-sized tanks to support their local counter-attacks.

HEAVY FIGHTING

Heavy fighting on the Kalinin Front, which includes Rzhev, is reported in a supplement to Friday's Midday Communique. The Germans, it is stated, were driven out of one inhabited locality leaving behind 35,000 rounds of ammunition and a large quantity of military material, including parachutes.

In another sector where the Germans retreated before the Russian onslaught, the invaders left 450 dead on the battlefield, while in a third sector the Russians captured a number of prisoners as well as inflicting over 500 other casualties.

Guerillas are also active in the German rear on the Kalinin Front. One Guerilla detachment attacked and routed a German ammunition supply column consisting of two hundred carts, at the same time inflicting over 100 casualties.—Reuter.

Nazi Claim

BERLIN:—A "communique" says that in the Kerch Peninsula German and Rumanian troops repulsed Soviet attacks in waves and north-east of Taganrog strong Soviet units were thrown back to their original positions by German counter-attacks

The "communique" claims that the Red Army suffered heavily in successful attacks on several points of the Central and Northern sectors while German local attacks succeeded.

U-Boat Attack On British Convoy

BERLIN, Mar. 27.

A "communique" says: "In the Mediterranean a German U-Boat pursued a British convoy from which one merchantship had been shelled and sunk by torpedoes".—Reuter.

R. A. F. BOMBS LE HAVRE

LONDON, March 27.

R. A. F. bombers escorted by fighters on Thursday afternoon attacked Port Le Havre, records an Air Ministry Communique which continues, "Hits were seen on the docks and enemy ships in harbour.

The fighter escort destroyed eight enemy fighters in combats over the target. Two of our fighters are missing. One of our bombers was shot down by anti aircraft gunfire after making its attack."—Reuter.

LINDBERGH EMPLOYED BY FORD

DETROIT, March 27.

Officials of the Ford Company to-day announced the acceptance by Col. Lindbergh of a post on their bomber plant engineering staff started in Detroit on Thursday.

He has been released by the War Department from his post as Civilian Adviser to enable him to accept the Ford offer.

It is recalled that Mr. Ford stated two years ago that he would be able, under certain conditions, to turn out a thousand planes daily provided he had technical assistance of 'men like Lindbergh."—Reuter.

ANGLO-SOVIET-AMERICAN LABOUR

A. F. Of L. To Consider Joining Trade Union Committee

LONDON, Mar. 26.

It was reported to the General Council of Trade Union Congress in London that a cable had been received from the President of the American Federation of Labour, Mr. W. Green, in response to the suggestion to extend the Anglo-Soviet Trade Union Committee by inviting participation in it of the American Labour Movement.

Mr. Green stated that the proposal will be considered at the next meeting of the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labour which Sir Walter Citrine will attend.—Reuter.

INDIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY

Governor's Appreciation Of Activities Of Bombay Branch

The Annual General Meeting of the Indian Red Cross Society, Bombay Provincial Branch, was held in the Red Cross and St. John Ambulance Building on Friday evening when Sir Roger Lumley, Governor of Bombay, presided.

The report revealed that a new branch has been opened provisionally at Deolali during the period of the war.

The work of Juhu Life-Saving Scheme has been handed over to the Safety First Association who are now paying the salary of the life-guard and Sundry expenses.

During the year the services of the Women's Auxiliary Corps have been utilised by the Army, Navy and Civil Authorities. During the year "Canteen" workers were enrolled under General Service. The Postal Message Service started work on February 20th.

GOVERNOR'S SPEECH

The Governor of Bombay in the course of his speech, said:

Today we look back upon another year, the closing months of which have been marked by grievous events in a vast new theatre of conflict, events which will be found to have increased many times the already heavy calls upon the Society. The many thousands of our soldiers captured in Malaya the many civilians interned there, already constitute a tremendous extension of responsibility; we may also take it as certain that with the addition of the vast area in which the struggle with Japan will rage our total commitments will in future be greater than any that the Indian Red Cross Society has ever yet had to face.

The Annual Report for the year 1941, which I have read with great interest, provides other grounds for confidence that, whatever the demands, the Society's effort to meet them will not fall short. It records another year's strenuous and successful effort in meeting the ever-growing demands of the times.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY CORPS

The development and expansion of the work of the Bombay Women's Auxiliary Corps during the past year have been especially noteworthy. Not only has the work of each of the Groups of the Corps greatly increased during the year, but a new Group, "The Prisoners of War Parcels Packing Depot" started work in October last, and this aspect of the Society's activities has called forth a well-deserved tribute from His Excellency the Viceroy to the admirable work which is being done in this connection by voluntary workers in Bombay.

"BLOOD BANK"

As you all know, over a year ago the Bombay City Branch of the Indian Red Cross Society took over the Blood Transfusion work in this City, and appointed a Committee to enquire into and carry on this work. Since then this Blood Transfusion Service Committee has done good work in supplying blood donors to the various hospitals in the City, and the present arrangement is working very satisfactorily on a limited peace time basis. It is obvious, however, that in the event of an emergency, this present arrangement would prove entirely inadequate; the Committee has therefore resolved to start a "Blood Bank" at the Haffkine Institute, as being the only method by which blood can be stored to meet sudden heavy demands for transfusion in an emergency such as an Air Raid.

PATNA, March 26.

In response to an invitation from Sir Stafford Cripps Mr. Sri Krishna Sinha, former Premier of Bihar, is leaving for Delhi to-morrow evening.—A. P.

BEWARE OF THESE AMERICAN TECHNICAL MISSIONS!

Bengal Commerce Chamber Chief Indicts "Half-Hearted" Industrial Policy Of Govt. Of India

CALCUTTA, March 27.

"Whatever the theoretical description that is proposed to apply to the future status of India, and whatever might be the various detailed provisions of the new constitutional scheme, India will not be satisfied unless a real and complete transference of power is made to the people of the country."

Thus observed Dr. N. N. Law, presiding over the 55th annual general meeting of the Bengal National Chamber of Commerce today.

Dr. Law observed that the refusal to transfer real and complete power to the people of the country had been the fundamental cause of the failure of the earlier attempts.

"HALF-HEARTED"

Characterising the Government policy of industrialisation in India as "half-hearted", Dr. Law pointed out that the anxiety of the British manufacturers and exporters to safeguard their interests in India was natural, but what had surprised the Indian commercial community was that the Government of India, as now constituted, should even at this late stage either acquiesce in these demands of the British vested interests or perhaps feel helpless in the matter.

THESE MISSIONS!

Referring to the proposed visit of the American Technical Mission to India, Dr. Law said: "If we were to go by our experiences of the Roger Mission we have every reason to be on our guard in order that the U. S. A. might not seize this opportunity for consolidating her hold on the import market of the country and also for setting up industrial concerns in competition with indigenous industries.

FOOD CROPS

Dr. Law also stressed the need for assuring the masses of a steady supply of food crops at a reasonable price. He expressed the view that the present generation, already hard hit by the war and likely to be still more adversely affected by enemy action, could surely plead for relief from the burden of financing the war, particularly in view of the fact that there had so far been very little net addition to India's debt burden as compared with the condition prevailing just before the commencement of the war.

UTILISE STERLING RESOURCES

Dr. Law suggested that sterling resources should be utilised for the liquidation of British commercial investments in India as also for the purpose of purchasing from the United States machinery, plants, semi-finished raw materials and mill stores necessary for Indian industries.

He suggested the starting of a special fund by the Central Government which might be utilised in granting loan without interest to Indian evacuees from Burma in order to enable them to settle and to start their life in India.

WHY SCORCHED EARTH FOR INDIA?

NEW DELHI, March 27.

In a statement on "scorched earth", Mr. G. L. Mehta, President, Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry emphasises that this is a question which concerns the people as a whole and not merely the industrialists or the propertied classes.

"The entire civil population" he says, is bound to suffer through acts of extensive demolition or destruction, whether in the countryside or in the cities. It is the long term economic interests of the country that should weigh with the authorities who should not agree to any hasty adoption of measures which might sacrifice the permanent economic interests of the country for any temporary strategic advantages.

It should be pointed out that economic relationships are so close complex and delicate that it would be impossible to demolish important industries or plants without grave repercussions on the economic fabric and life of the country.

NOTE OF WARNING

After the grossly discriminating treatment which has been admittedly meted out to Indian evacuees in Malaya and Burma, the Indian Commercial Community and the public naturally have apprehensions as to the manner in which such a vital policy as those of "scorched earth" would be carried out in practice. It is all the more necessary to sound this note of warning because there is no guarantee that in the absence of National control over the Defence policy of the country, the authorities would exercise that circumspection and act with that sympathetic understanding which can be expected from a Government deriving its power and strength from the people of the country.—A.P.

ATTEMPT ON DEAT'S LIFE

Bomb Picked Up, Extinguished & Handed To Police

BERLIN, March 27.

A Paris dispatch says that an attempt was made to assassinate M Marcel Deat last night.

BERLIN: A bomb was thrown at M. Marcel Deat, one of France's Chief Collaborationists, while he was speaking at a meeting in Paris last night. The bomb bounced off M. Deat's waist coat and dropped on the floor. M. Deat picked up the bomb immediately, extinguished the fuse and handed the bomb to a policeman.

A Paris dispatch to the official German news agency says that he then continued his speech declaring that he "would not dream of allowing such matters to deflect him from his purpose".

Laval-Petain Meeting?

BERNE: French circles in touch with Vichy cannot confirm the report of a meeting between Laval and Petain. They state that it is possible but they attach no importance to it.

It is reported that Laval recently visited Paris where he saw Abetz, the German ambassador to Vichy. Otherwise he is remaining at his estate of Chateldon in unoccupied France.—Reuter.

Convicted Twice In One Month!

CUTTACK, March 25, (Delayed)

Mr. Pranakrishna Padihary, a prominent Congressman of the Province has been sentenced to two months' R.I. by Khan Sahib Nusahib Khan. Sub-Divisional Officer, under the Defence of India Rules in connection with a speech he had delivered at Salempur.

Mr. Padihary had another conviction earlier this month in which he was sentenced to ten months' R. I.—A. P.

Security Prisoners In U. P. Jail

BAREILLY, Mar. 26.

With the release of 24 security prisoners by the U. P. Government now, 57 detenus are in the Bareilly Central Prison, of which six are detained under the orders of the Government of India.

The Tribunal appointed by the U. P. Government visited Bareilly Central Prison and concluded their inquiries with regard to the 51 prisoners detained under the orders of the U. P. Government.—A. P.

SOCIALIST ARRESTED AND OFFICE RAIDED

LAHORE, March 26.

Baba Abdul Ghani, a Socialist, was arrested to-day under the Defence of India Rules. A bundle of Communist posters is alleged to have been recovered from his possession. Later the police searched the office of the Socialist Party and seized some documents.—A. P.

MALTA AND TOBRUK RAIDED

CAIRO, Mar. 27.

An R.A.F. "communique" states: "Heavy raids were continued on Malta throughout Wednesday and Thursday.

Some damage and casualties were caused

Our fighters operated almost continuously against the enemy and shot down two Messerschmitts and seven Junkers. In addition, a large number of enemy aircraft were badly damaged. Anti-aircraft fire destroyed four Junkers as well as damaging many others. Although our fighters were constantly in action none was lost.

In Cyrenaica, our bombers raided among other planes aerodromes at Martuba. During the afternoon of Thursday, March 26 the enemy raided Tobruk.

One Junker was shot down by anti-aircraft fire, the aircraft crashing into the sea north of Gazala. A Savoia was shot down by ground fire in the Dorward area. Two of our fighters are missing.—Reuter.

POONA CONGRESSMAN ARRESTED

(From Our Correspondent.)

POONA, March 26.

Mr. S. G. Ranade ex-Secretary Maharashtra Provincial Congress Committee and a prominent volunteer worker was arrested to-day under the Defence of India Rule 34 on a warrant issued by the Palghar (Thana District) Magistrate. It is understood Mr. Ranade has been arrested for delivering an alleged objectionable speech at Palghar last week.

If Bombay Is Bombed....

A Resume Of A. R. P. Activities

in to-morrow's Sunday edition of

THE BOMBAY CHRONICLE

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

The Half-Column
By "Dim"

I wrote some time ago about the Phonogram Service, which I had found at that time in a shocking state. Since then I am very glad to say that, due to change of personnel, this service has shown a marked improvement. The men and the girls are very keen and intelligent. But on Thursday I found a careless operator who was sure about everything and when I received my confirmatory copy I found it was wrongly addressed. Now this was an urgent telegram and I do not still know whether it got to its destination and if it did, whether it was delayed. A mistake of this kind is unpardonable in view of the fact that I asked the operator twice to check on the address with me, but the operator was sure there was no need for phonetic spelling. The matter has already been brought to the notice of the Chief Superintendent, Central Telegraph Office, and as the service is otherwise so much better than before, it is hoped he will do something to avoid mistakes of this kind. I feel that the operators on the Phonogram service should be specially picked for the job and be better paid in view of the more specialised work they are doing. They should be tested periodically and their powers of listening in to a variety of voices should be checked. This service offers great possibilities, but IT MUST BE SPECIALLY TRAINED.

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Gentleman on Dash Dash Road thought that INOFF THE RED was the name of a Russian General. (Acknowledgment to a weekly paper for the idea.)

RELIEF FOR DEFAULTING PROPRIETORS

Bengal Assembly Passes Land Revenue Amendment Bill

CALCUTTA, Mar. 27.

When the Bengal Legislative Assembly met to-day the Deputy Speaker, Jalaluddin Hashemy, who presided, read out a message from His Excellency the Governor, returning the Bengal Land Revenue Amendment Bill, 1941, passed by the Legislature, and recommending to the House to amend the Bills by adopting the amendments suggested by His Excellency.

The Assembly on the motion of the Hon. The Revenue Minister, adopted the amendments to the Bill as recommended by the Governor.

The Bill seeks to give certain relief to defaulting proprietors of Revenue states under the Land Revenue Sales Laws in respect to applications for setting aside sales.

On the motion of the Hon'ble Khan Bahadur Maulvi Hashen Ali Khan, Minister for Co-operative and Rural Indebtedness, the House passed the Bengal Agricultural Debtors (second amendment) bill.

The House also passed the Bengal non-Agricultural Tenancy (Temporary) Provisions Extending Bill and the Bengal Touts Bill as passed by the Upper House.

The Assembly adjourned till April 7 when a new Secondary Education Bill is expected to be introduced by Government for reference to a Select Committee.—A. P.

Muslim Women Form Reception Committee

ALLAHABAD, March 26.

A meeting of Muslim ladies of Allahabad was held yesterday under the Presidentship of Begum Mohammad Hussain when speeches were delivered by the President and Begum Mansoor Alam and the following Reception Committee was elected in connection with the All-India Muslim Women's Conference to be held during the league session at Jinnah Chaman:

President: Begum Mohammad Hussain; Vice-Presidents: Begum Zahoor Ahmed, Begum D. R. Jafri and Begum Ahmed Rafique; Secretary: Begum Mansoor Alam; Joint Secretaries: Hussain-i-Begum, Begum Zahur Akbar and Tahira Begum.—It is understood that either Begum Mohammed Ali or Begum Hafeezuddin from Surat will preside over the Conference.—A. P.

Hyderabad Ban On "Harijan"

(From Our Correspondent)

HYDERABAD, (Dn.) March 25.

So far, permission for the circulation of Gandhiji's "Harijan" has not been issued by the authorities concerned.

According to a communication received from the Postmaster, Hyderabad Imperial Post Office, "the Journal is being intercepted under the orders of the local (Hyderabad) Government."

Jairaj and Snehaprabha in "Khilauna" at Opera House and Baburao Pendharkar and Shanta Hublikar in "Pahila Palna" shortly coming to Central.

TRIP ROUND CITY'S CINEMAS

Cripps Asked To See 'Bharat Milap'

The last and the current weeks have been particularly good for "Bharat-Milap" in all the 30 stations it has been released. Hindus in North and South India have been celebrating the 'Jayantis' of Shri Ramchandra and Shri Hanuman and none who could has missed seeing the life of Ramchandra on the screen at Majestic Cinema in Bombay, all shows have been crowded.

Mr Bhadrakumar Vajnik, Publicity Officer of Prakash Pictures, who have produced "Bharat Milap" has done well to invite Sir Stafford Cripps to find a little time to see this picture in Delhi at Moti Cinema, reminding him that it breathes the true spirit of Indian culture and telling him that such eminent Hindus as Dr. Radhakrishnan, N. C. Kelkar and K. M Munshi have liked the film very much.

ART IN JHOOLA SONGS

"Jhoola", the song and dance marvel of Bombay Talkies is heading towards its silver jubilee.

The 'Jhoola" songs are like bear wine. The more you hear them, the more you want them. It needs a true poet to make his songs such. It is the privilege of Bombay Talkies to have a poet like Pradeep to compose for their films.

The essence of a song is its music; not merely the tune to which it is set, but the music inherent in the composition itself. The "Jhoola' songs are instinct with music. That is why they fascinate the audience.

The outward symbol of the poetry of these songs is their simplicity. There is gradeur in the simple simile of the boat in the theme song sung by Ashok Kumar. There is tickling wit in his duet with Leela Chitnis. And wit, imagery and humanity abound in thie dance songs sung by Mumtaz Ali and Shahzadi.

"APNA CHAR" AND RAJA RANI"

Atre Pictures' "Raja Rani" with its message of unity among brothers and advocacy of the joint family system will be at Central for a week only. Vanmala and Sunalini Devi shine brightly in this picture with Mazhar Khan, who has given a likeable performance the picture surely worth seeing once.

"Apna Ghar" is a beautiful play by Mr. Devaki Bose who has always believed in making pictures with a purpose. He has shown here the conflict between an idealist, philanthropic wife and an irate, individualist husband, bringing about their reconciliation in the final scene. For the beautiful portrayal of such a wife by Shanta Apte, this picture must be seen by admirers of Devaki Bose. It is to be shortly withdrawn.

"PYAS AND "TAJ MAHAL"

Pyas" the Murli Movietone picture now in the 7th week at the Imperial Cinema is an ennobling story of parental love.

Performance by Snehprabha and Ishwarlal in the main roles is convincing. Shamim in a role that is indispensible for the development of story gives a brilliance to the whole film. Music is as good feature of the film which by itself attracts huge audience.

"Taj Mahal" a Minerva is a beautiful historical depicting the career of Shah Jehan, with particular reference to his great love for Mumtaz Mahal. Kumar and Sarojini have admirably played their main roles.

"PAISA" AT NOVELTY ...

Jeevan Pictures' "Paisa" which is in its third week at the Novelty Cinema is a hilarious comedy. While there may be some who think comedies should be just fun and have no morals there is the sanction of old and August literary tradition to the contrary. "Paisa" points the evil and futility of love of money and illustrates its moral with a tale of a young married couple who underwent many diverting misadventures in pursuit of a fortune.

Madhav Kale, Kanta Kumari and Indira Wadkar have been featured in this film.

"UJALA" AND "DOCTOR"

Taj Mahal Pictures' "Ujala", which enters its sixth week at Lamington Talkies to-day, has received an ovation wherever it has been released.

At Delhi, in the first week, it reached figure that no picture in that circuit has ever reached for the past ten years. In Karachi, for the past ten days, it has been drawing capacity houses. It is apparent that the Naseem—Prithvi team has scored a sensational triumph.

"Doctor" of the New Theatres is quite deservedly a favourite at West End, although now in its 12th week. It has a good story, good music and a certain idealistic appeal, which have made it popular

Badami's New Triumph

"Khilauna" Satisfies Everybody

(BY T. V. P.)

Within an hour of seeing 'Khilauna' last Saturday, I recorded my fresh reactions which appeared in the Sunday Edition of the 'Chronicle'. I should like to repeat the remark that 'Khilauna' is a new and bright feather in Director Badami's Cap.

I did not like a particular feature of the film as such. I liked the whole film. To begin from its name, it is symbolic. We are all play things mere clay in the hands of Fate and Fate fashions us all—that is the Central and rather pessimistic conception of the story. We see that for no particular fault of any particular character in the film, misunderstandings arise, they accumulate and the story threatens to be a grim tragedy for all. With a clever twist, the Director has given us a fine comedy. One is absorbed in watching the ups and downs of fortune that the various characters have to undergo.

I consider this as the last of a really good picture. You must be all absorption when you are seeing it. For once in several weeks, 'Khilauna' gave me that experience. The dialogue is clever and pointed throughout, particularly, when Snehaprabha delivers it. 'Khilauna' is a triumph of team-work but if we must single out one of the stars for special mention, it is surely Snehaprabha. Jairaj, Prabha, Kanayalal have also given adequate performances.

Venus Pictures' 'Kirti' For Minerva

New India Film Corporation is the name of the newly started distributing concern in Bombay, with experienced and enterprising persons at the helm, this concern has already acquired distribution rights of two films for Bombay Presidency—viz Venus Pictures' maiden production "Kirti" and Soubhagya Pictures' 'Tamasha' starring Sardar Akhtar, and it is reported that it is negotiating for the rights of three or four other pictures.

Moreover, New India Film Corporation has also made all arrangements for the premiere of their first release in Bombay, and accordingly 'Kirti' is scheduled for an early release at Minerva after the current attraction is withdrawn.

Gulzar in "Nirdosh" as Nalini's Step-mother at Swastik

"JUNGLE PRINCESS," AT SUPER

A circus and a show in one is the apt description of "Jungle Princess". Children and people who love tough work on the scene should meet fearless Nadia with lions at Super.

"NAYA SANSAR" "SHADI" AND "SIKANDAR" ...

Naya Sansar of Bombay Talkies has been revived at Kohinoor, "Shadi" of Ranjit is in the 14th week at Chitra though it is a second run release and "Sikandar" is making the same appeal at the new Matunga theatre 'Aurora' that it did it Minerva for 26 weeks.

PICTURES AWAITING EARLY RELEASE

"Pahila Palna" Booked For Central

Bringing together for the first time the screen's two front rank stars Baburao Pendharkar and Shanta Hublikar, New Huns Pictures' social offering "Pahila Palna" promises to be a happy, heart-warming comedy at Central.

The story built round the character of a modern, economically independent woman, who had vowed not to marry and not to have any children relates how a man brings about revolutionary changes in her life in a series of most amusing situations. The story incidentally tackles such topical issues as career for married women and birth control in the prevalent social conditions.

Written and directed by Vishram Bedekar, and photographed by Pandurang Naik, "Pahila Palna" has a story supporting cast headed by Kusum Deshpande, Dinkar Kamanna with Indu Natu, a socialite making her screen debut· Balabai, Aundhkar, Madgulkar and others.

"Khandaan" Coming To New West End

Producer Daisukh Pancholi has achieved another triumph. The maker of "Khazanchi" has released "Khandaan" at Lahore, and soon it will be released in Bombay, at New West End.

Eighteen thousand rupees in the first week, is the result secured by "Khandaan" in Lahore; a result that few films achieve in Bombay with thrice the population of Lahore.

But in any case we expect the same career for "Khandaan" as Khazanchi had.

SINGING AND DANCING NALINI COMES TO SCREEN

The youngest of India's stars occupied the Swastik screen last Saturday in 'Nirdosh'.

"Nirdosh" is the story of a helpless girl, who, persecuted by her stepmother seeks escape in the woods, singing and dancing. Roaming in the woods, one day she comes across her dream lover who delivers her from all the misery and the drudgery at home. The romantic interest of the story to which Nalini's music and dance, lend themselves wonderfully is well developed and sustained till the end.

The picture in both versions, is directed by Virendra Desai. In the most powerful supporting cast are such talented and popular artistes as Mukesh, Satish, Kanaiyalal, Shanta Thaker, Sankatha, Gulzar, Kayamali and Mrs. Marathe (in Hindi) and Sawant Vatsala Kumtekar, Wasker, Dr. Agashe, Shevalker (in Marathi).

"Mehman" Coming To Opera House

News from upcountry about Ranjit's "Mehman" is very encouraging. It will be released at Opera House after "Khilauna."

Director Chaturbhuj Doshi the creator of smashing hits like "Musafir" and "Pardesi" has directed this screenplay. Madhuri, Ishwarlal Shamim and Rama Shukal play chief roles.

"Kunwara Bap" Nears Completion

Producer N. R. Acharya is brushing up the final "takes" of his first independent production, the comedy "Kunwara Bap". He is satisfied as the picture has turned out to be all that he had set out to make it. From the story, through screen play and direction to the final editing, the picture has been receiving the personal attention of Mr. Acharya.

Kishore Sahu, is an eminently happy choice. In "Punarmilan," he showed his ability for dramatic and emotional performance. Mr. Acharya has spotted his aptitude for comedy and put it to best use in "Kunwara Bap."

Co-starred with him, is Protima Das-Gupta, the almond-eyed charmer.

Congress

Constructive Programme

A. I. C. C. Circular To Provincial Committees

ALLAHABAD, March 27.

A circular issued by Acharya Kripalani, General Secretary of the A. I. C. C. to all Provincial Congress Committees lays emphasis on the constructive programme of the Congress and points out that the programme placed before the country is twofold; firstly, self-protection and secondary, self-sufficiency.

Self-protection, says the circular has a double aspect; protection from air-raids and protection from internal disorder. It is pointed out that though Congressmen cannot associate themselves with the Government-controlled agencies in this connection, it will be folly to impede their effort unless what they do is against the A. I. C. C. instructions. The instructions that the official A. R. P. organisations broadcast to the people should be studied and such of them as are sound and reasonable should be commended to the people for adoption.

PROPAGANDA AGAINST FEAR AND PANIC

The circular urges Congressmen to carry on propaganda against fear and panic. The circular says that the drive to enlist members of all communities and all political parties for volunteers organisation as protection against internal disorder should be further intensified. Mohalla meetings which would enable constant touch with people and night watch and ward are suggested by way of training for co-operation and self-help. Each passing day emphasises the urgency of carrying out the programme of self-sufficiency with speed and thoroughness says the circular. The All-India Spinners Association and the All-India village industries Association and the All India Village Industries Association should be drawn upon whatever echnical advice and assistance is needed in this connection. Their co-operation and supervision should be sought.

MONTHLY REPORTS

The circular, in conclusion, suggests that monthly reports of work done by provinces should be sent to the A. I. C. C. Office and provinces should exchange reports with one another. Inspectors should be appointed to go round and submit reports. Copies of all A. I. C. C. circulars should be sent to all the district Congress Committees.—A. P.

Lest We Forget!

NATIONAL WEEK'S PROGRAMME

"Advance Khadi And Hindu-Muslim Unity"

ALLAHABAD, March 27.

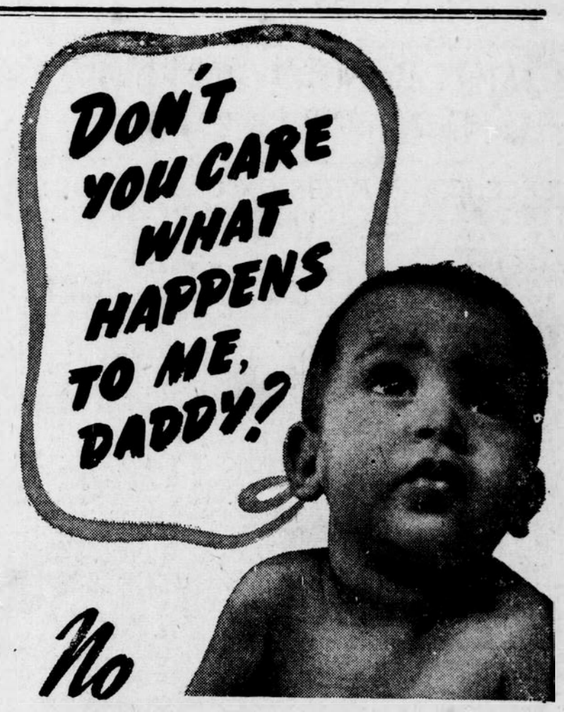
Acharya J. B. Kripalani, General Secretary of the A.I.C.C. in the course of an appeal in connection with the "National Week" says:

"The National Week will be soon on us. It has been observed every year since 1919. It commences on April 6 when the Nation inaugurated a non-violent mass struggle for the redress of its many and grievous wrongs and the attainment of Purna Swaraj. The National Week has always been marked by the renewal of our general determination to achieve the goal of complete independence and self-purification through the intensive carrying out of the constructive programme. In the words of the sage at Sewagram the fulfilment of this programme is the sure key of Swaraj.

Acharya Kripalani appeals to the people to organise the sale of Khadi, and adds: "Let people in their thousands determine to learn all the processes of cloth making. Let a day in the week be set apart to the sacred task of Hindu-Muslim unity and let everybody help in intensification of the life-giving national constructive activities.—A. P.

No Recruitment For I. P. C. In Bombay

There will be no recruitment to the Indian Police this year in Bombay Province. The usual competitive examination by the Federal Public Service Commission for the selection of candidates for the Service in Madras, Assam and the Punjab will however, be held in October next.



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WHAT'S THAT, STRANGER? I'M A LITTLE DEAF!
BEG PARDON? WHAT DID YOU SAY?
I SAID I'M A LITTLE DEAF! I DIDN'T HEAR YOU!
YOU DON'T SAY! I'M A LITTLE DEAF TOO! I WAS JUST NEAR AN EXPLOSION!
THAT'S TOO BAD! NOW, WHAT WAS IT YOU WANTED?
CAN YOU TELL ME WHERE DEAN STREET IS?
SURE! GO DOWN SIX BLOCKS, THEN TURN RIGHT ONE BLOCK!
IS THAT DEAN STREET?
OH, NO! I THOUGHT YOU SAID DEAN STREET.
NO, I SAID DEAN STREET!
SORRY, I NEVER HEARD OF IT!
BUD FISHER

RIVALRY BETWEEN MINISTERS HAMPERED PREPARATIONS

French General's Allegations At Riom Trial

VICHY, March 27.

Rivalry between the French Ministers of War and Air before the war was alleged at the Riom trial on Thursday.

Lt. Col. Verdurand of the French Air Force, who during the war was at the War Ministry, declared that there was no air observation corps because of disagreement between the two Ministers. This rivalry ended only in 1939 when the Minister of National Defence served as arbitrator.

Up to October 1938 the Minister of Air opposed air observation for artillery although very different opinion of German technicians on the subject was well-known. The Minister altered his opinion at the beginning of 1940 but it was then too late.

"In November 1939", said Lt. Col. Verdurand, "not only did we have no planes to spot for artillery but no such planes were under construction"

General Preaud said in his evidence that the causes of the French defeat should be sought above all in the exclusively defensive policy and in the morale of a country suffering from demagogy. "But I must oppose those who hold that everything was going badly before the war", he added.

General Preaud now commands the military college at St. Cyrand and is thus responsible for training future officers of the French army. France had gone a long way towards modernising her army under the lead given by General Gamelin, said General Preaud but he regretted that the creation of a big training camp had been prevented by the intervention of Parliament.

M. Daladier interrupting explained that difficulties of expropriation stood in the way.

General Conquest who commanded a first class corps during the war said that air attacks had a great effect on such troops as were badly officered.—Reuter.

ENEMY NATIONALS MUST REPORT TO CONSUL

Jap. Govt.'s Notice for Repatriation in Shanghai

TOKYO, March 26.

The Japanese authorities in Shanghai and elsewhere in occupied China have intimated that any civilian enemy nationals who wish to be repatriated should report to the Consulate-General by the end of the month, says a Shanghai etlegram.

The notice does not apply to British, American, Dutch and Belgian nationals for whose repatriation their own Governments "Are conducting negotiations through other channels," adds the message.—Reuter.

JAP WAR BUDGET TOTALLING 24,300 MILLION YEN

TOKYO, March 26.

Japan's national budget submitted to the Cabinet, which is to include special war appropriations for the next fiscal year, amounts to 24,300 million yen. (Budget estimates for the year ending March 31, 1940 were four 304,544,000 yen plus a further sum of over 5,000 million yen for the war in China, thus making an approximate total of 10,000 million yen.—Reuter.

LONDON: The King has approved the award of the Burma Gallantry Medal to Subedar Saw-Yaw-Mai of the Burma Rifles and Subadar Amin Singh and Havildar Ustman Rai both of the Burma frontier force.

HOFFMAN AT BOTTOM OF IT ALL

Nazi Consul In Adana, Author Of "Fabrications" About Iran

MOSCOW, March 26.

All "provocative fabrications" about Iran presented as the German Information Bureau telegrams from Adana are in fact, according to competent sources, the work of the German Consul in Adana, Hoffman, says an Ankara message to the Tass Agency.

The Tass says that the Bureau has no correspondent in Adana accredited to the Turkish press directorate adding, "before the war Hoffman was the leading Consular Official in Syria and according to available reports took part in wrecking and sabotage activities in the near and Middle East directed largely against Turkey".—Reuter.

MAKING INDIA SELF-SUPPORTING IN FOOD

Govt. Considers prospects Of Increasing Rice & Other Crops, Says Amery

LONDON, March 26.

Measures to make India self-supporting in food were the subject of a question in the Commons on Thursday.

The Secretary of State for India, Mr. Amery in a written reply said: "India is normally self-supporting in food except for rice imported from Burma, which rarely exceeds 5 per cent of the total consumed.

The Government of India have to provide not only for civil but also for military commitments and to meet local deficiencies which may result from transport difficulties, have discussed with representatives of the Provincial Governments and Indian States at recent conferences the prospects of increasing rice and other food crops in India and have convened a further conference for April 6 to consider steps to increase food production generally as well as the question of regional self-sufficiency."—Reuter.

AMERY ON MOMIN STRENGTH

LONDON, March 25.

The Secretary of State for India Mr. Amery replying to a question in the Commons on Thursday said that he had not yet received fuller information for which he had telegraphed respecting the numerical support behind the All-India Momin Muslim Conference. Mr. Amery added that he would gladly issue the information as soon as received.—Reuter.

CEYLON DEMANDS DOMINION STATUS AFTER WAR

COLOMBO, March 26.

The motion moved by Mr. A. P. Jayyasuriya in the State Council was passed this afternoon.

The motion demanded, "Conferment of Dominion Status on Ceylon after the war" and consisted of two clauses requesting the British Government, firstly "To give an assurance to that effect as has been done in the case of certain other British possessions", and secondly that Sir Stafford Cripps should be instructed to extend his Indian visit to Ceylon in order that he might discuss the matter with the representatives of the people.

The first part was passed by 23 to six votes and the second unanimously. —A. P.

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Mediterranean Battles

Axis Attack On British Convoy Leads To Big Enemy Losses

LONDON, March 26.

An Admiralty communique last night stated: "It is now possible to give some further details of the naval operations in the Mediterranean on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, March 22, 23 and 24.

As already announced these operations had as their object the passage of a convoy carrying important supplies to Malta—an object which was successfully achieved. Weather conditions on Sunday were very bad and air reconnaissance could not be relied upon.

Early on Sunday afternoon an enemy force consisting of four cruisers was sighted to northward. The enemy was at once attacked by our light cruisers and destroyers under the command of Rear Admiral P. L. Vian. The enemy was driven off without having inflicted any damage to our convoy, its escorts or its covering force.

Soon after 4-30 p.m. on Sunday Admiral Vian again sighted the enemy. This time the enemy consisted of one battleship of the Littorio class, two heavy eight-inch-gun cruisers and four other cruisers accompanied by destroyers. Despite the great disparity of his force Admiral Vian at once led his light cruisers and destroyers to attack in order to drive them away from the convoy.

TORPEDO ATTACKS.

During the brilliant action which followed, our destroyers delivered a torpedo attack on the enemy, closing on the powerful enemy squadron to a range of three miles before firing their torpedoes. In pressing home this attack the destroyers received valuable support from our light cruisers.

This determined attack against a greatly superior force not only inflicted serious damage on the enemy but threw him into confusion and forced him to retire without having made contact with our convoy. The Littorio class battleship was seen to be hit amidships by a torpedo.

She was also hit by gunfire from our cruisers and set on fire aft. Severe damage was also inflicted upon one enemy cruiser and a second enemy cruiser was hit.

By skilful use of smoke screens our force avoided serious damage. Some damage was, however, suffered by one of our cruisers and three of our destroyers. The casualties were not heavy.

The next of kin are being informed as soon as possible. After this action the Italian fleet made no further attempt to intercept our convoy and withdrew towards its bases.

Throughout Sunday our convoy, its escorts and its covering force were subjected to continuous bombing attacks. During the afternoon while our light forces were engaged with the enemy fleet these air attacks increased in intensity and it is estimated that about 150 bombers were being used.

No damage or casualties were caused to any of His Majesty's ships or to the convoy by any of these heavy air attacks. Details of the losses inflicted upon the enemy airforces have not yet been received.

The convoy was again heavily attacked from the air on Monday. During these series of attacks one ship of the convoy was hit and subsequently sank.

One destroyer was also hit but has since reached harbour. The enemy renewed his air attacks on Tuesday morning but without inflicting any further damage.

That the very large scale of air effort employed by the enemy achieved so little success was due to the close co-operation of the R. A. F. most effective anti-aircraft fire of the convoy and its escorts and also to the fine seamanship and steadiness of the ships in the convoy. These operations in which our light forces under the command of Admiral Vian fought off and severely damaged a greatly superior enemy and repulsed continual heavy air attacks constitute a notable achievement."—Reuter.

Allahabad Incident

The following letter from Mr. Thomas Catling representative of the Far Eastern Bureau of the British Ministry of Information appears in the 'Hindustan Times':

"The story appearing in the 'Hindustan Times' on Sunday, 15th March, appears to be a false and obviously malicious exaggeration of an incident that occurred at Allahabad station while I was travelling from Calcutta to Delhi. What actually occurred is as follows:—

On the assumption that the compartment in which all four sleeping berths had been reserved for me and my party was ours for the journey, and especially as our beds were still down and a lady in the party—who is the widow of a Wing-Commander recently killed in Java and who herself was injured before escaping from that island—was lying down, I declined to admit a number of passengers. One, however, insisted that he was entitled to enter the compartment during the hours of daylight. This being contrary to what I believed and had previously experienced in travelling from Colombo to Calcutta. I insisted on having confirmation from the station officials. The Station-master did not give a clear confirmation of this, but asked me "as a favour to him" to admit the passenger and I did so. The lady was present during the whole discussion. The other members of my party were Mr. T. G. Donovan Bayley and Sardar Shah Nawaz Khan. Both are members of the Far Eastern Bureau of the British Ministry of Information.

To make of this minor affair an issue of "racial arrogance" would, if it were not extremely malicious, be vastly absurd, since at no time did the question of nationality arise and since one of my party was an Indian gentleman who travelled the whole journey with me.

I hasten to add that if the Allahabad passenger is genuinely under the impression that I have in any way insulted him, I wish to offer my heartfelt apology."

BOMBAY SPRING MEETING—LAST DAY

EXCELLENT CHANCE FOR FORTUNATE LAD IN CHIEF EVENT

Queen Of Sheeba Likely To Win Calcutta Plate

(From Our Racing Correspondent)

Fair-sized fields are due to compete to-day at Mahalaxmi when the last day of Spring Meeting terminates.

FORTUNATE LAD has an excellent chance in the Carnarvon Plate, the day's chief event. RESISTANCE from AVON SONG is likely. I have a doubt that CARABAS, who generally tries runaway tactics, may find the 1 1/2 miles beyond his power and, therefore, like to give him the third chance.

QUEEN OF SHEEBA is likely to win the Calcutta Plate from ISHTAY.

The following are my selections:

1st Race:
PRINCE FAISAL 1
STAR OF KASHMIR 2
GHUSSUN AL ILAH F

2nd Race:
MAHBOOB'S CHOICE 1
WELL MASKED 2
TAP DANCE F

3rd Race:
TREGENNA 1
HIGHLA 2
DISCARD F

4th Race:
QUEEN OF SHEEBA 1
ISHTAY 2
TYRANNY F

5th Race:
SCOTCH MIST 1
KUNIGAL 2
PIERRE F

6th Race:
MORNAS 1
MISS VESINGTON 2
ANOTHER DEVIL F

7th Race:
FORTUNATE LAD 1
AVON SONG 2
CARABAS F

8th Race:
CLARIFY 1
MASQUE 2
MAN-EATER F

9th Race:
CHANDRAJEET 1
KAID SAOUD 2
DHAYF SHAMMAR F

DOUBLE EVENT:
TREGENNA
MORNAS

TREBLE EVENT:
SCOTCH MIST
FORTUNATE LAD
CLARIFY

DARK FLUKES
KOLHAPUR PRIDE
ALAN-A-DALE

Cause Of U. S. Synthetic Rubber Shortage

Standard Oil Company's Private Dealings With Germany

WASHINGTON, March 27.

The Assistant Attorney-General Mr. Thruman Arnold told the Senate Defence Investigating Committee that the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey had developed synthetic rubber more cheaply, better and more plentifully than the Nazis, and had handed over the information to German interests before the United States entered the war.

Mr. Arnold, who is the chief of the anti-trust division of the Department of Justice, testified that Cartel arrangements between the company and the I. G. Farben Industrie of Germany "are the principal cause of our present shortage of synthetic rubber". "At that time the company was refusing to make available samples of its Butyl rubber to English and American concerns", Mr. Arnold said.

"It had already sent full information to the I. G. Farben Industrie and in answering an enquiry it referred to the Italian Pirelli company to Farben"

Mr. Arnold said an agreement between the company and Farben was made in September 1939. It was based on the desire of the company for world monopoly in oil and synthetic petrol while Farben was interested in chemicals.

At German direction the company refused license to independent producers in the United States for production of synthetic rubber.

The effect of the agreement continued during the war until shortly before the filing of the information and consent decree against the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey.

INDIA HATES JAPS AND NAZIS

Will Fight Menace To End, Says Sir Shafaat A. Khan

LONDON, March 26.

The British connection in India is not made of sugar which will melt in the monsoon months of June and July. The Japanese attack has now spent itself and the conquest of Burma is impossible, said Sir Shafaat Khan in a national broadcast.

"The tide has now turned and the Japanese, I am convinced, will be swept out of the regions they had devastated with the same celerity with which they made their visitation. India will survive this ordeal.

It is the fervent hope of everyone that the Cripps Mission will be crowned with success and the energy and resources of millions of men will be released for a vigorous attack on the common foe.

He stressed that India was wholeheartedly against Japan and he did not doubt that Indians were all united in detestation of Hitlerism and Japanese Fascism.—Reuter.

Homoeopathetic Hospital For T. B. And Cancer

It is learnt that the first Homoeopathic Hospital for T. B. and Cancer in India is to be opened shortly at Jalgaon. The moving spirit of this new venture is Dr. B. R. Chugha, the Chief Medical Officer of the Homoeopathic General Hospital of Bombay, and the Ex-President of the All-India Homoeopathic Council. Dr. Chugha is also connected with several well-known Homoeopathic institutions of the country, and is a specialist in Cancer and T. B.

Jalgaon with its dry climate, groves of green neem trees, wide space, open sky and upre water is found to be the most suitable place for the treatment of such chronic diseases as cancer and T. B. Poor and disabled patients are to be treated free of charge at this new hospital.

LOUIS MEETS ABE SIMON IN BOXING BOUT

Champion Will Defend His Heavy-Weight Title For 21st Time

NEW YORK, March 26.

When Louis meets Abe Simon today he will be defending the title for the twenty-first time and it will be the first time in 56 fights that he had not had trainer Blackburn in the corner.

Some experts believe this will seriously handicap Louis. Blackburn is suffering from Pneumonia.

Both Louis' purse and the profits of Promoter Mike Jacobs will be given to the army emergency relief fund. Louis gave the purse to the same fund when he recently fought Baer.—Reuter

INDIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE: "The following Office-bearers and Committee Members of the Indian Football League have been elected for 1942-43

President: Mr. J. C. Moitra; Vice-Presidents: Mr. G. C. Mitter, Mr. D. Moir; Hon. Secretary: Mr. J. N. Choudhury; Hon. Treasurer: Mr. J. M. De; Committee Members: Rev. Fr. J. Fell; Mr. Berham Doctor; Mr. V. M. S. Mani; Mr. B. B. Bhosle; Mr. M. C. Gupta; Mr. H. A. H. Ahmed; Mr. S. K. Hazra; Mr. A. T. Pal; and Mr. B. K. Sen.

The Bengal Club Cup League tournament will begin this year on April 11, and the last date for submitting the entry fee, which is fixed at Rs. 20 is April 4, 1942. The entry forms and particulars may be obtained from the Hon. Secretary, the Indian Football League, Shree Krishna Nivas, Hospital Avenue, Parel, Bombay 12. Only Indian Clubs affiliated to the Western India Football Association Ltd., are eligible to participate in the tournament."

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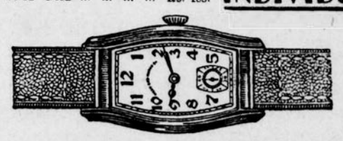

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MORE MONEY FOR NATION-BUILDING ACTIVITIES

(Continued from Page 12)

year to assist hand-loom weavers. At the moment, we have also under contemplation somewhat similar arrangements for other small-scale and cottage industries in which the Supply Department is interested. You will readily appreciate the benefit which will accrue to our smaller industries if they can be brought into the general scheme of war supplies. We are in touch with the Government of India on this subject.

Continuing the Governor said:—

A special feature of this budget is that in spite of war conditions which necessitate the maintenance of a substantial reserve, we have attempted, within the limitations imposed by the war demand for materials and skilled men, to maintain and even increase social services. Our expenditure on such activities is estimated to be 19 lakhs over the revised estimates of the current year."

The largest expenditure under any one head is on Education to which is allotted 208 lakhs. The following items merit special mention:

(a) Additional grants to Local Authorities for compulsory elementary education: An addition of Rs. 85,000 has been made in the budget to the current year's grant of one lakh for this purpose, and with this amount it is hoped to assist more Local Authorities to introduce compulsory elementary education.

(b) Direct grants to primary schools under the mass literacy scheme: In order to spread mass literary, Government has for the last three years been making direct grants to private agencies in small villages, where there are no schools and where there are difficulties in the way of the organisation of regular primary schools under the Primary Education Act. In the budget Rs. 46,000 more than in the current year has been allotted for this purpose, and this amount will suffice to aid 300 new schools.

Village Water Supply: Fifteen lakhs have been provided in the next year's budget for village water supply.

Appointment, as an experiment, of a staff for dealing with epidemics: The present system for dealing with epidemics does not work very satisfactorily. The responsibility for immediate action on the outbreak of an epidemic lies with the District Local Board, and, often, much time elapses before action is taken to check the ravages of the disease. Government therefore propose to maintain a kind of shock troop which can be hurried down to any centre from which an epidemic is reported, so that it can be checked at the initial stage. 20 Epidemic Medical Officers, 20 Sanitary Inspectors and sufficient inferior staff are to be employed under the scheme, and Rs. 1.28 lakhs have been set apart for this purpose.

The principal amounts of expenditure in our road programme for the next year are Rs 12.48 lakhs on the Bombay-Poona Road, 10.5 lakhs on the Bombay-Nasik-Agra Road, 10.96 lakhs on the Bombay-Ahmedabad Road and 3.56 lakhs on the Bombay-Konkan-Goa Road. Rs. 3.5 lakhs is provided for village approach roads.

INDUSTRIES

The total grant for the Industries Department next year is 10.5 lakhs against 7 lakhs spent in 1940-41 and 9 lakhs expected to be spent in the current year. Items of special interest are:

(a) Scheme for the establishment of two fisheries schools: Generally the children of fishermen cannot take advantage of educational facilities as the profession of these men compels them to live, segregated from the rest of the people, in isolated areas generally unprovided with schools. The fishing community also follows a highly specialised profession which has nothing in common with agriculture or other industries. For such people, a special type of instruction intimately related to the work of a fishing village is justified, and as an experiment it is proposed to open two schools, one at Malwan in the Ratnagiri District and the other at Karwar in the Kanara District for a period of three years in the first instance. Rs 8,000 are provided for this purpose.

(b) Provision for Industrial research schemes: A lump sum provision of Rs. 20,000 has been made in order that funds may be available to undertake in the course of the year any useful schemes of industrial research that may be recommended by the Provincial Industrial Research Committee.

"I shall turn next to the Special Development Fund to which, as I said above, we have transferred a 100 lakhs in this year. The expenditure from this fund during the current year has been 43.70 lakhs. The three years' programme prepared last year has been re-examined in the light of the experience gained and the further funds available, and a four years' programme has now been prepared. In the next year, we shall have available in the fund a total of 247 lakhs and our programme provides for an expenditure of 65 lakhs in the coming year. 57 lakhs in 1943-44, 53 lakhs in 1944-45 and 36 lakhs in 1945-46. The unallocated balance of 36 lakhs can be used for further schemes, which it may be found desirable to finance during these years.

FOR POST-WAR RECONSTRUCTION

In this budget we are setting apart 22-1/2 lakhs to form the nucleus of a Post-War Reconstruction Fund. Some schemes involving expenditure have had to be postponed because of the war e.g., buildings for lack of steel. In some cases what has been used up during the war will have to be made good e.g., replantation of forests. Moreover, there is that problem of economic dislocation which is likely to arise at the end of the war. For these and similar matters, urgent provision of funds will become necessary, which the Province may not be able to provide from its annual revenues.

Rs. 28 lakhs of the receipts anticipated in 1942-43 from Excise are estimated to be due to the relaxation of prohibition measures which followed the decision of the High Court in 1940. In the current year this was estimated to be 24 lakhs and the rates of Urban Immovable Property Tax were accordingly reduced from 10 to 8 and 5 to 4 per cent. In the next year the benefit of the additional 4 lakhs is passed on to the taxpayer by a further reduction in the rate of tax from 8 to 7-2/3rd and 4 to 3-5/6th per cent.

IN A NUTSHELL.

I have now drawn attention to some of the principal features of the Provincial Budget for the coming year. To sum up, in this budget,

Provision is made for war measures, Expenditure on social services is increased by 19 lakhs, Large sums are available in the Special Development Fund for programmes covering the next four years. A nucleus is provided for a Post-War Reconstruction Fund, Taxation is slightly reduced, It is not proposed to borrow, and A reserve has been kept in hand of 161 lakhs in cash and 75 lakhs in securities.

For another year, therefore, we have been able to maintain and even to increase the nation building and social service activities of Government".

ST. JOHN'S (NEWFOUNDLAND) —The Finance Department announces that it has transferred another million dollars to Britain as an interest free loan for the duration of the war.

Orders Reserved In Bengal M. L. A.'s Appeal

SCOPE OF 'DEFENCE OF INDIA' RULES RAISED BEFORE FEDERAL COURT

NEW DELHI, March 27.

The Defence of India Act was designed to meet the situation created by the war, and the scope of the rules framed under it was wider than that of offences punishable under the Indian Penal Code, said Sir A. K. Roy, Advocate General, Bengal, resuming his arguments before the Federal Court to-day in the appeal filed by Mr. Niharendu Dutt Muzumdar, M.L.A. (Bengal) against his conviction under the Defence of India Act in connection with a speech delivered on April 13, 1941.

He pointed out that the object of the Act was to secure public safety and maintain internal peace and order and submitted that the speech amounted to a prejudicial act in that it influenced the conduct of the public in a manner likely to hamper successful prosecution of the war.

Asked by Sir Maurice Gwyer, Chief Justice, to show how the speech was seditious, Sir A. K. Roy said that under the Defence of India Act, certain acts had been made punishable as special offences, not covered by the Indian Penal Code. He submitted that a perusal of the speech as a whole would make their Lordships Judge whether it was actionable or not within the terms of section 28 of the Defence of India Act. The Advocate General drew particular attention to certain passages in the speech which in his opinion infringed the provisions of the Defence of India Act.

Their Lordships then heard Sir Brojendra Mitter, Advocate-General of India, on the issues raised in the appeal. Sir Brojendra contended that a court was entitled to take notice of all matters which showed whether the Defence of India Act was in force or not at the time the prosecution was launched against Mr. Mazumdar, and therefore parliamentary debates were admissible as evidence to indicate approval of Parliament to the Defence of India Act. He further urged that rules and amendments, published from time to time in the Gazette of India, were regular and legal and showed that the Defence of India Act was in force in British India, when the prosecution was launched. Sir Brojendra also pointed out that the issue of proclamation and centralisation of legislative powers in respect of certain matters were matters of public history, of which Their Lordships should take cognisance in deciding the appeal.

Orders were reserved.—A.P.

Standing Committee Of Supply Department

NEW DELHI, March 27.

It is announced that the Standing Committee of the Supply Department to advise on subjects with which the department is concerned will consist during the financial year 1942-43 of the following non-official members of the Council of State and the Legislative Assembly.

Council of State:—Sir Rahimtoola Chinoy, Mr. M. N. Dalal and Mr. P. N. Sapru.

Assembly:—Mr. Huseinbhai Abdullabhai Laljee, Sir Abdul Halim Ghaznavi, Saiyid Haidar Imam, Pandit Nilakantha Das and Sir Henry Richardson.—A. P.

LIFT BAN ON KHAKSARS

Master Mahmud Sharif, Mirpurkhas, wires:—

A public meeting of Mussalmans of Mirpurkhas held near Juma mosque on Wednesday under the presidentship of Maulvi Abdulla Khan passed a resolution requesting the Government to lift the ban against Khaksar movement and to allow their leader Inayatullah Khan to return to Punjab. The attention of Sir Stafford Cripps was drawn to the importance of Khaksars which "alone is capable of giving real and substantial man-power in defence of India."

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Indian Students In Britain

CALCUTTA, March 26.

The Indian student community in Britain is making an important contribution to the Empire war effort.

This view is expressed by Mr. S. Lall, Deputy High Commissioner for India, in his letter forwarding to the Government of India the report for the academic year 1939-40 on the work of the Education Department of the High Commissioner's Office.

Mr. Lall points out that the Indian student community showed commendable calmness and courage in facing the attendant risks and hardships, especially during that phase which is known as the 'Battle of Britain.' There were still not far short of a thousand Indian students, both men and women, pursuing courses of study and training in that country.

Not a few who had been evacuated to areas presumed to be safe later found themselves in the midst of fierce air attacks. Many tributes have been paid to their bearing and behaviour in danger. Students have received praise for their good work as A. R. P. Wardens as fire-watchers and Civil Defence work.

The report pays a tribute to "The steady and courageous behaviour of the Indian women students", of whom there were still no less than 79 in Britain during this period.

The report adds that between September, 1939, and October, 1940, 18 Indians were given Commissions in the Royal Air Force, while 35 others also entered the Services. Sixteen Indians were accepted in the Army, and three in the Navy, while no less than 146 were placed in touch with the appropriate civil authorities.—A. P.

Posts And Telegraphs Earn Surplus

NEW DELHI, Mar. 26.

The Posts and Telegraphs Department earned a surplus of Rs. 1,24,80,325 during the year 1940-41, which is the largest surplus since the accounts of this Department were put on a commercial basis in 1925-26. This has been due partly to the unprecedented increase in telegraph and telephone traffic on account of the war, and partly to the increase of in some of the postal rates and levy of surcharges on inland telegrams and trunk calls, says the Annual Report for the year 1940-41 just published.

The Department's revenue shows an increase of Rs. 79,74,000 the total being Rs. 13,28,26,000 as compared with Rs. 12,48,52,000 in the previous year. This increase is made up of increases of about Rs. 29,00,000 under "Post Office", about Rs. 18,60,000 under "Telegraphs" about Rs. 18,00,000 under "Telephones" and Rs. 2,00,000 under "Radios." As many as 1,215 million postal articles were handled by the Department.—United Press.

Cutch Rulers Gift To People

(From Our Correspondent.)
BHUJ, Mar. 26.

A Darbar in continuation of investiture ceremony was held this morning when the Maharao Shree Vijayaraj addressed. He declared a large share in the management would be given in Municipality and their loyal help in administration was hoped. For Secondary Education would be free and Takavi loans given till 1995 to farmers would be written off.

Progressive Group

The annual report of the Progressive Group, just out, speaks highly of the Group's work and activity during the year under the Presidentship of Prof. J. C. Daruwala and the Secretaryship of Miss Piloo Nanavutty and Mr. H. J. H. Taleyarkhan. No less than 13 evening meetings were held and several luncheons.

Some 700 members and their guests attended a social and dance organised at the Taj early in the year. This was followed by a grand Red Cross ball held in December which was attended by Lady Lumley. As a result Rs. 3,128 were collected and distributed among the British, Indian and Russian Red Cross.

The Group also held an exhibition of A.R.P. Equipment in conjunction with the S.F.A. in the BEST Hall recently. It was opened by the Mayor of Bombay and proved very popular. The Group also issued protection against Air Raids leaflets.

OFFICE-BEARERS

At the annual general meeting held at Green's last Thursday, the following were elected office-bearers and members of the Standing Committee: President: Mr R. K. Karanjia, Vice-President, Mr T. D. Desai Hon. Secretaries: Messrs H. J. H. Taleyarkhan and J. V. Bhagat, Hon. Treasurer, Miss Mehra N. Moos. Members: Miss D. Billimoria, Mrs. Betty Pastakia, Mrs C. K. Daphtary, Mr. J. M. Mehta and A. A. Mecklai.

Thungabhadra Project

RELIEF TO FAMINE-STRICKEN DISTS OF MADRAS

The Thungabhadra Project, now under detailed investigation by the Madras Public Works Department, is intended for growing irrigated dry crops in the four famine-stricken districts of Bellary, Anantapur Kurnool and Cuddapah. The soil is mainly black suitable for cotton growing. The success of the project depends upon the satisfactory response of the soil under irrigation. To study this problem, a model farm of 90 acres has been selected at Siruguppa, in the Bellary district. The soil of the farm is typical of the area and analysis of the top three feet shows that it consists of 60 per cent clay, 14 per cent silt, 10 per cent fine sand, 8 per cent coarse sand and 8 per cent acid soluble matter. There is facility for surface drainage of the farm and irrigation water is pumped from a nearby channel.

"STICK TO YOUR POSTS," SAYS NARIMAN

Advice To City Motor Drivers

"Render all service that you possibly can to the public and do not be deterred by the Ordinance", declared Mr. K. F. Nariman addressing a largely attended meeting of the Motor Drivers convened under the auspices of the Bombay Private Motor Drivers' Union when Mr. N. T. Shroff presided.

The drivers should never think of leaving this city but must be at their post in cases of emergencies, Mr. Nariman deprecated the idea of people leaving Bombay bag and baggage and advised the City drivers that the best way to save the public is to help them in their hour of need.

He also warned the motor drivers against an attempt made by some disgruntled drivers to start a rival Union for their own selfish ends, and finally made a fervent appeal to the city drivers to strengthen their old Union viz. the Bombay Private Motor Drivers' Union which was serving them for the last 7 years.

Mr N. T. Saroff stated that from the reply received from the Government it was apparent that adequate provisions have already been made by the Government regarding their pay and compensation for injuries received while on duty. It was also revealed that drivers would be called for service only for a short time from a week to ten days only.

It was therefore absolutely necessary for the Government to safeguard the interests of such drivers and see that the employers retain them in their services after their return.

Mr. Pishorilal then moved two resolutions which were unanimously adopted, one on the commutation of death sentence passed on Gopalan by the High Court of Madras and the Union's prayer that the Government would respond to the public feeling expressed throughout the country, and the other expressing the Union's deep sense of sorrow at the sad and untimely death of one of its oldest employees popularly known as "Mama".

APPEAL TO TRAMWAY WORKERS

"While there is no objection to the workers sending away their families out of Bombay if they so desire there is no immediate cause for any panic so far as Bombay is concerned" declared Sjt. Purshottam Trikamdas and Sjt. N. T. Shroff, President and General Secretary of the BEST Workers' Union in an appeal to the employees of the Tramway Company.

The appeal further states that the Company has agreed to give one month's bonus to the Staff for the last year instead of half a month's as usual. It has also agreed to give special one month's bonus for those who are regular in their attendance in the current year. The said bonus will be paid by four quarterly instalments, beginning from May of this year.

The Company has also sought approval of the Directors for payment of compensation to any member of the staff who sustains war injury in Bombay, whether on or off duty. This compensation, as the company has informed the Union officials, will be in addition to any compensation to which a worker may become entitled under the War Injuries Ordinance.

Regarding granting of loans to workers amounting to six months' pay instead of three months' as at present and recovery whereof to be suspended for the duration of the War, in view of the present critical times, the company has sought the sanction of the Government which it is expected will be readily granted.

"You are aware that you are performing a very essential public service by helping to maintain communication within the City of Bombay. There is no need for you to feel nervous on account of the war situation or to leave Bombay on account of that reason or to worry about the recent Maintenance of Essential Services Ordinance."

HELP FOR EVACUEES

The following information is officially communicated for the benefit of evacuees from the East.

Advances according to their status and within certain limits will be made to evacuees who are unable to fend for themselves in India on their furnishing undertaking to repay. In the case of officials, dependants of officials or pensioners who are in the possession of official documents indicating pay, pension or allotment of pay, advances will be made in accordance with those documents. In such cases receipts and not undertaking to repay will be taken.

Monthly advances will also be made, for three months in the first instance, to those who make their own arrangements to stay in India.

Forms of application will be made available at the office of the Deputy Commissioner of Police, Crawford Market, between the hours of 10-30 and 12-30 in the morning and payments will also be made at the same hours.

WANTED INFORMATION.

The Colonial Office desires to receive information of the arrival of any dependant of an officer in its service who is believed missing or in enemy hands in any case in which no allotment from the pay of the officer appears to have been made. Such persons are requested to furnish this information by letter to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Secretariat, Bombay. Lists of officials in the service of the Colonial Office who have arrived in Bombay are being prepared in accordance with information at present available. Such persons are however requested to communicate this information to the Chief Secretary stating their age and the service or department to which they belonged.

BOMBAY COST OF LIVING INDEX.

During the month ended March 15, the working class cost of living index number for Bombay, with the average prices for the year ended June, 1934, equal to 100, was 137—two points higher than in the preceding month. The index number for food articles advanced by three points to 156. In February, the working class cost of living index number for Ahmedabad, with the average prices for the year ended July, 1927, equal to 100, was 94—one point lower than in the preceding month. The index number for food articles declined by one point to 85. For the same month the index number for Sholapur, with the average prices for the year ended January 1928, equal to 100, was 93—three points lower than in the preceding month. The index number for food articles declined by five points to 81.

LAND ROUTES FROM BURMA

Govt. Reply To Alleged Discrimination Against Indian Evacuees

NEW DELHI, March 26.

Keen public interest has recently been shown in the arrangements for the evacuation of Indians by the land route from Burma leading into Manipur and Assam. Particular allegations have been made that in these arrangements European and Anglo-Indian refugees have been accorded favourable treatment. It is now possible to give an accurate picture of conditions on this route as they exist to-day.

Until about three weeks ago one route from Tama on the Burma frontier to Pallel in the Manipur State provided almost the only outlet from Burma to India. This route, mainly owing to the paucity of water supplies, could never accommodate more than a small number of foot passengers daily and the influx of large numbers of refugees soon rendered it in spite of the best efforts of the authorities available, a source rather of danger than of safety. Sanitation was ignored, cholera spread and the whole route became contaminated.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTE.

Measures of the greatest urgency taken by the Government of India have now resulted in the following general position. An alternative route, differing but slightly in length and with natural water facilities sufficient if properly organised to cater for a large number of foot passengers, has been thrown open to all refugees. At present the number permitted to use this route daily is 1,500 but arrangements are being made to increase that number very shortly. Five camps have been established between Tamu and Pallel at each of which there is not less than one doctor. Each camp has an adequate supply of water, sanitary arrangements, medical assistance and food supplies for 3,000 people and is in charge of a Commandant.

The original route is being completely reorganised. The serious sources of infection, mainly of cholera, have been removed or brought under control and in due course it is intended, subject to military consideration, that this route also should be open to a larger number of refugees. It is the restricted use of this route which has given rise to a serious apprehension that racial discrimination was taking place.

CHARGE OF MONOPOLY ANSWERED.

The facts are that, before control of all routes was undertaken under central direction, stocks of European food, such as tinned beef and similar provisions had been supplied at the halting places on this route by certain private organisation. Supplies of food for Indian travellers were lacking and no supplies for Europeans had been stocked on the alternative route. Under Government control the original route, with its small capacity, became of minor importance so far as evacuation is concerned and the first, and most immediate, steps taken were to stock the alternative route with sufficient food and supplies suited to Indian requirements to support the maximum number that could then be cleared from Pallel onwards into India proper.

In the meantime it was decided that, subject to the overriding consideration that the route should be kept immune from cholera infection, Europeans and Anglo-Indians, whose numbers have never hitherto exceeded 50 a day, should be allowed along the original route where the stocks of food would otherwise be wasted. At the same time it was recognised that Indian requirements should also be catered for on this route. This is now being arranged and the route will be open, within its limited capacity, to all persons on whatever race who have inoculation certificates and can be relied upon to comply with the strict sanitary standards that the conditions of the route necessitate.

An officer under the Central Government, with a party of police is stationed permanently at Tamu and is in constant touch with the officer appointed by the Burma Government to supervise evacuation arrangements.

Another Officer has already been sent into Burma with authority to proceed as far along the evacuation route as may seem necessary. Guards have been provided by the Government of Burma at all camps along this route. Reports indicate that a considerable medical staff has been distributed in this area by the Government of Burma. Large distribution camps, capable of accommodating in all about 20,000 persons, have been organised at the main arrival centre in India. No charges are levied, whether for food, transport or accommodation, between the Burma border and rail-head in India.

Accommodation from the railhead in Assam to other parts of India is still a problem. Railways in these areas have not been constructed to accommodate a heavy flow of traffic. Every effort is being made to avoid congestion but it may for some time yet be necessary to adopt make-shift arrangements in order to prevent undue crowding at the principal arrival centres.—A. P.

Evacuation Of Parsi Children

The question of the production of Parsi children in the time of emergency seems to have been recently occupying the minds of the trustees of the Parsi Panchayat of Bombay. A scheme for the evacuation of Parsi children to places of safety is being prepared. Arrangements for the evacuation of 500 children are more or less complete.

Enquiries reveal that a fund was started recently for the purpose, and in response to the appeal of the trustees the Parsi public contributed generously towards it. The expenditure for the complete evacuation of 5,000 children, including the provision of food-supply and medical facilities for a year, is estimated at Rs. six lakhs. The scheme is based on the English model. Several reception homes are said to have been already acquired.

Several other schemes for evacuation are also under consideration.

Corporation To Feed Employees

CALCUTTA, Mar. 26.

The Calcutta Corporation today decided to supply forthwith cooked food to those of its employees who are in a distressed condition due to the removal of their families outside Calcutta for safety.—United Press.

SELF-HELP MOVEMENT AMONG ABORIGINALS

Adivasis Try To Ameliorate Their Lot Under Guidance Of Kaivalyadhama Workers

The Kaivalyadhama Grama Seva Samiti was established at Borivli about two years back with a view to ameliorate the condition of the aboriginal tribes such as Warlis, Dhodis, Dublis, Katkaris. The extreme economic, social and other disabilities under which these tribes are labouring are now known. The Samiti, especially through its Secretary, Shree Lakshmanji Mahajan, has been working for the amelioration of the lot of these aborigines, by the establishment of a central school for their children at Borivli, by reaching medical help to the suffering aborigines and by establishing Panchayats of different tribes in different areas of the island of Salsette. On 26th February, a conference of these aborigines was convened under the auspices of the Samiti when Mr. B. G. Kher, the ex-Premier, presided. As many as 600 delegates attended the conference.

QUARRELS TO BE SETTLED BY ARBITRATION

The following is the substance of the fourteen resolutions that were adopted at the conference by the leaders of the aborigines. It was decided that quarrels amongst themselves should be settled by the arbitration of their respective Panchayats, that the expenditure on marriage should be limited to an irreducible minimum, that there should be voluntary prohibition and no man indulging in drinks was to be allowed in the community, that grain depots should be established on a co-operative basis for the benefit of the aborigines, that out of the fines levied for breeches of discipline, a fund was to be started which would be used for the members of the community on a co-operative basis, that literacy should be voluntarily made compulsory by sending children to schools already existing or by establishing new primary schools at different places in Salsette, that the scattered cottages should be knit together into small hamlets and that ganised settlements should be established that adultery should be abolished, so on and so forth.

There was much enthusiasm at the conference, which was addressed by several workers of the Adivasi Seva Mandal for Thana, Ratnagiri and Kolaba Districts. The President, Mr. Kher appealed to them in a language which could be intelligently understood by the aborigines and which went home because of the deep sentiment with which he spoke.

The Samiti had made arrangements for feeding all the aborigines and also for their tea.

The Magathan Grameena Vidyalaya celebrated its second anniversary immediately after the conference was over. Here also Mr. B. G. Kher presided. The aborigines enjoyed the physical activities of the school children and they could immediately see the difference between their children and themselves and came to appreciate the value of education because of this direct demonstration.

ALLAMA MASHRIQUI'S WIRE TO CRIPPS

MADRAS, Mar. 23.

Allama Mashriqi has sent the following telegram to Sir Stafford Cripps from Madras on 23rd instant:—

"British Government have sent you to rectify wrongs and reconciliated and seek co-operation of India at this date when every political party was irreconcilably hostile, 50,000 Khaksars unconditionally for the defence of India to the last drop of blood and also published a pamphlet exhorting everybody to help the British to the utmost. The result was the pamphlet was confiscated myself jailed, the organisation banned 2,000 Khaksars arrested, my pardah house was thrice raided eldest son age sixteen jailed. My money, several lakhs confiscated myself forced to pay 1,000 personal expenses of pan, threatened with lashes, locked kicked, solitarily confined smoking disallowed, servants removed during fast, my invalid pension of 300 monthly on arrears 12,000 confiscated, my wife, children, brother, friends disallowed interview altogether until after twenty-two months detention without trial I secured my release on grounds bed after fasting eighty days and am still ordered to remain in Madras till settlement. Can you hope reconciliating India or secure co-operation when your men commit such wrongs on men of position? I have now offered Government most accommodating terms of settlement as pre-arranged but am getting evasive reprimands in reply Immediate lifting of ban, release of prisoners essential removal of extreme bitterness in India also adequate recognition of political importance of Khaksars in future constitution. Considering terrible price paid for showing unconditional practical loyalty I now join the Congress, the League the Mahasabha in most emphatically demanding complete independence for India.

Wedding Of Late Sir E. H. Jaffer's Son

There was a large and distinguished gathering of leading citizens of Bombay of all communities and guests from different parts of the Province present at the wedding ceremony of Mr. Suleman Ebrahim Haroon Jaffer son of the late Hon. Sir Ebrahim Haroon Jaffer on Thursday evening at Kambekar Street.

After the nikah ceremony, the bridegroom received personal congratulations from those present, after which the guests were entertained a sumptuous dinner.

Presents and messages of congratulations were received from as a very large number of friends from different part of the country.

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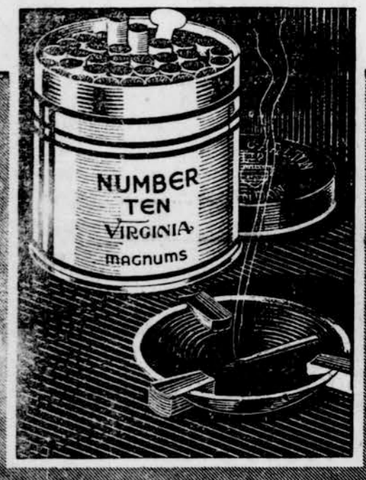

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SURPLUS BUDGET FOR BOMBAY

Slight Reduction In Property Tax

INCREASED REVENUE FROM EXCISE

45 LAKHS FOR A.R.P.

The Bombay Government's Budget estimates for 1942-43 provide for Revenue receipts of Rs. 15,18.16 lakhs and Revenue expenditure of Rs. 15,17.18 lakhs, thus leaving a surplus of Rs. .98 lakh.

All existing provincial taxes are to continue during the year. But in regard to the Urban Immovable Property Tax, the rates of which were reduced at the commencement of the current year from 10 per cent to 8 per cent and from 5 per cent to 4 per cent, there will be a slight further reduction in rates, viz, from 8 per cent. to 7 2/3 per cent and from 4 to 3 5/6 per cent with effect from 1st April 1942. This reduction corresponds to an increase of Rs. 4 lakhs in the extra revenue expected from the relaxation of prohibition measures. This extra revenue was estimated at Rs. 24 lakhs for 1941-42 and is expected to be Rs. 28 lakhs for 1942-43.

INCREASE IN EXCISE REVENUE

The Budget estimates for 1941-42 provided for a surplus of Rs. .65 lakh. But the revised estimates, based on the actuals of the first eight months, show a surplus of Rs. 37.79 lakhs. Excise alone showing an increase of Rs. 42 lakhs owing to increased consumption of liquor of various kinds.

45 LAKHS FOR A.R.P.

The expenditure for 1942-43 includes provision of Rs. 45.5 lakhs for any intensified A.R.P. measures that may become necessary and a further amount of Rs. 20 lakhs for other expenditure indirectly arising from the war. The strengthening of the Police force in various directions is expected to result in a further increase in expenditure of Rs. 4.28 lakhs.

Rs. 20 lakhs will be added to the Special Development Fund, bringing it to Rs. 246.66 lakhs. The benefit of this Fund will be given to, among other items, rural development, mass literacy scheme (Rs. 46,000), vocational courses in Government High Schools, compulsory elementary education (Rs. 85.000) and Podar Ayurvedic College and Hospital (Rs. 51,000).

POST-WAR RECONSTRUCTION FUND

The total provision for Education for 1942-43 will be Rs. 207.76 lakhs as against Rs. 208.53, the revised estimates for 1941-42. The corresponding figures for Medical and Public Health will be 112.44 and 102.57; and for Agriculture, Corporation, etc., 49.70 and 48.91.

On the whole the beneficent activities of Government do not seem likely to suffer under war conditions. The total provision for the more important of these for 1942-43 is Rs. 383.11 lakhs as against Rs. 367.75, the revised estimated for 1941-42.

Government have decided to create a Post-War Reconstruction Fund into which it is proposed to put, during the Budget year, a sum of Rs. 22.4 lakhs. The Fund will be used for matters which will arise after the war requiring urgent provision of money which the province may not be able to provide from its annual revenue.

In Spite Of War

More Money For Nation-Building Activities

Bombay Governor Explains Budget Proposals: Slight Relief To Tax-Payers: Provision For Post-War Reconstruction

H. E. the Governor in a statement to the Press on the Provincial Budget, said:—

"The year 1941-42, which will come to an end on 31st of March, has from the financial point of view been very satisfactory. We began this year with a free balance of 198.57 lakhs. During the course of the year we invested 75 lakhs in long-dated securities and we expect the year to close with a free balance of 160.92 lakhs. The revised estimates of revenue and expenditure based, as you know, on the results of eight months, show a surplus of 137.79 lakhs as against a surplus of .65 lakh anticipated at the time of the budget. The betterment during the current year is thus 137.14 lakhs.

"The most important sources of increased revenue were Income-tax, Provincial Excise, Land Revenue, Stamps and Forests. On account of increase in the total amount of Income-tax to be distributed by the Central Government to the Provinces, our share of Income-tax receipts is 56.20 lakhs more than was anticipated at the time of the budget. Provincial Excise has given us 42.03 lakhs more, due largely to increased consumption both of country and foreign liquor. Only 4 lakhs of this can be attributed to the changes made in prohibition policy during the year 1940-41. Land Revenue collections, which have been very satisfactory, show an increase of 28.93 lakhs over the budget figure. The War does not seem to have affected the volume of business transactions as much as was anticipated and so we have an addition of 20.90 lakhs under Stamps. The sale of trees uprooted by a cyclone in the Thana District and supplies of timber to the Army and Railway have caused an increase of 21.27 lakhs in the receipts under Forests. Other minor increases in revenue and decreases in expenditure have also helped to swell the credit side of the balance sheet for this year.

ON DEBT SIDE

On the debit side, there has been additional provision for several purposes, the most noteworthy being 20 lakhs for A. R. P. Measures, and 6 lakhs for additional police. We have also arranged to secure orders from the Supply Department of the Government of India, for our handloom weavers which may help to alleviate the distress prevailing among them. The work is being executed through the District Co-operative Industrial Association and an amount of Rs. 3.78 lakhs has been placed at the disposal of the Director of Industries to grant advances to these associations to assist them in financing such large-scale production. In addition, an amount of Rs. 4 lakhs has been placed at the disposal of the Director of Industries to be utilised in making purchases of yarn and other raw materials required by the Associations. Necessary staff for supervision has been provided.

"We propose to transfer 100 lakhs to the Special Development Fund this year and to carry forward to the next year an opening free balance of 160.92 lakhs.

CIVIL DEFENCE AND A.R.P.

The shadow of war overcasts the budget for 1942-43, and the first point to which I shall draw your attention is the provision for civil defence. We have set aside 50 lakhs for this purpose in the budget. You will realise that the framing of exact estimates in a matter like civil defence, where expenditure depends so much on day to day developments, is very difficult and we may have to spend a great deal more than the amount provided. According to our recent agreement with the Government of India, the province is responsible for the whole of the first 50 lakhs of expenditure, 50 per cent of the next 50 lakhs, 25 per cent of the 50 lakhs after that, and 12 1/2 per cent of all further expenditure. Thus if the total expenditure on A.R.P. measures comes to two crores in the next year, the province will have to bear 93.75 lakhs. We do not intend to allow any essential A.R.P. work to be held up for lack of funds and we shall, in view of our balance, be able to bear the burden without unduly straining our financial position.

DEVELOPMENT OF SMALL INDUSTRIES

Since the preparation of the budget further war measures have had to be taken. A directorate of civil supply has been set up to control prices and make arrangements for the maintenance of the supply of essential foodstuffs to the City of Bombay and the suburbs during an emergency. Another interesting recent development is the establishment at Poona of a pre-Cadet School for giving preliminary training to the candidates for emergency commissions who are not up to the standard required for the Army. Twenty-five candidates can be trained at a time and the annual expenditure will be about Rs. 94,000.

I have mentioned already the arrangements made during the current

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U. S. Supply Service For India, Burma And China

MAJOR-GENERAL STILLWELL HOPES TO TAKE LOAD FROM BRITISH IN BURMA

MAYMYO, March 24. (Delayed).

A tribute to the co-ooperation between the Chinese and the British was paid by Maj-Gen. Stillwell, the new G. O. C. of Chinese troops in Burma, when he received war correspondents in his first press conference in Burma. He now hoped, he said to take the load from the British, in addition to helping the Chinese.

A man of slight medium height and iron grey hair and wearing steel-rimed glasses, Maj.-Gen. Stillwell spoke soberly and dispassionately of the situation in Burma. He pointed out that supplies were now an important problem with the fall of Rangoon, since only limited road connections remained. None-the-less though the difficulties were considerable, they were being overcome.

U. S. SUPPLY SERVICE

Major-General Stillwell revealed that America was planning to build up a supply service, covering India as well as Burma, eventually extending to China. Again, the Chinese communication problem was a handicap, but substantial material in ever increasing quantities was now arriving from the United States.

Turning to the military situation in Burma, Major-General Stillwell paid a most glowing tribute to Chinese troops who after four and a half years of war were still fighting magnificently. The Chinese troops' discipline was excellent and morale first class.

Major-General Stillwell forecast severe fighting in Toungoo, where the Chinese were now dug in with Japs, who were using better types of planes than before, before carrying out large-scale heavy bombing. It was evident, he said, that recent Japanese air reinforcements showed that they meant business.

Chinese troops could stand up to bombing, but, Major-General Stillwell pointed out that air supremacy was vitally important and that adequate air support for the Chinese would greatly encourage them.

LIGHT ON THAIS

Discussing the part of the Siamese in the war, Major-General Stillwell expressed the opinion that they had no heart in it, and recalled that when he visited Siam in 1935 the Siamese were most worried about Japan, and if they had been supported by the Allied powers, probably they would not now be partners of Japan.

In the Shan States, where Chinese troops stand to guard the Siam frontier, all is quiet. Major-General Stillwell estimated that enemy troops north-west of Siam, threatening the Shan States, in a large proportion consisted of Siamese which had not made the matter as serious as might be. Marshal Chiang Kai-Shek was keeping the closest contact with the events in Burma and was most anxious that his troops put up a good show.—A.P.

LONDON: The Chinese Embassy in London now has its first military attache in the person of Col. Tang-Pao-Haang, for the last two years a member of Marshal Chiang Kai-Shek's personal staff. To reach England he had to fly from Chungking to South America and then by Clipper to Lisbon. —Reuter.

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